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Lawmaker threatens to hold up F-35 jet contract

By AARON GREGG
The Washington Post

The U.S. military's most expensive weapons program seemed to be under threat from all sides at a recent hearing before the House Armed Services Committee as skeptical lawmakers called out supply chain problems that have meant only a third of the Pentagon's F-35 fighter jets are capable of carrying out all the missions for which they were built.

Ellen Lord, a former defense executive who is now the Pentagon's top weapons buyer, admitted that the complicated IT system supporting the fleet's maintenance infrastructure still falls far short of expectations. Lockheed Martin and the Pentagon's Joint Program Office are still embroiled in a long-running dispute over who owns the F-35's complicated algorithms, a debate that could chart the future of the program.

Some lawmakers criticized the terms of Lockheed's arrangement with the government, saying overly generous intellectual property agreements threaten to lock Lockheed into a wasteful long-term profit machine with limited accountability.

Rep. John Garamendi, D-Calif., threatened to hold up a multibillion-dollar contract if fundamental questions aren't resolved, suggesting there should be a broader sea change in how military agencies work with weapons builders.

"Heretofore, the contractors have had the long end of the lever, and the government has been on the short end of the lever. ... That is going to change," Garamendi told Lockheed Martin executives assembled at the hearing. "The power is shifting ... with the fulcrum moving closer to the government's side."



Police in riot gear move through a cloud of smoke as they detain a protester at Hong Kong Polytechnic University in Hong Kong on Monday.
NO HAN GUAN/AP

CAMPUS UNDER SIEGE

Police surround trapped protesters in Hong Kong, raising fears of a crackdown

By KEN MORITSUGU
Associated Press

HONG KONG — As night fell on Hong Kong, police tightened their siege of a university campus where hundreds of protesters were trapped in the latest dramatic episode in months of protests against growing Chinese control over the semi-autonomous city.

The Asian financial center's workweek began Monday with multiple protests that disrupted traffic, while schools remained closed because of safety concerns stemming from the demonstrations, which began in June but have become increasingly violent in recent weeks.

The pitched battle for control of the campus of Hong Kong Polytechnic University has been the center of the most recent developments. For days, protesters have fortified the campus to keep out the police. Now cornered by police determined to arrest them, they desperately tried to get out but faced a cordon of officers armed with tear gas and water cannons.

Officers repelled one escape attempt Monday morning with tear gas, driving hundreds of protesters back onto the campus. Later, huge crowds of supporters advanced on foot toward the police from outside the cordon to try to disrupt the police operation.



KIN CHEUNG/AP

A fire set by protesters burns at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University campus on Monday.

MILITARY

F-35: Fleet capable of performing missions only about a third of the time

FROM FRONT PAGE

Greg Kuntz, a Defense Department spokesman, said the department's Joint Program Office "remains committed to aggressively reducing sustainment costs and improving mission capability rates," adding, "We will continue to partner with Congress and Congressman Garamendi moving forward."

Carolyn Nelson, a Lockheed Martin spokeswoman, said the government is working on a new technical data package that was not a part of the initial F-35 contract, as well as a separate "performance-based" contract for logistics support. The logistics contract "shifts risks to industry and opens longer term investments," Nelson wrote in an email.

The hearing was the latest skirmish in a long-running fight over who should own the U.S. military's advanced weaponry. Defense spending watchdogs are concerned that manufacturers such as Lockheed have too much ownership over those systems, something that could give them leverage to drive up costs. Government agencies generally prefer the flexibility that comes with owning the systems themselves.

There is a lot of money at stake. The Air Force estimates that most of a given aircraft's long-term cost actually comes from keeping it flight worthy. Manufacturers are keenly aware of this, with companies such as Boeing launching whole business units focused on maintenance and repair.

In recent years the Pentagon has been buying jets in greater quantities in order to get the average price down. They recently finalized a \$34 billion agreement that defense officials described as "the largest procurement in the Department's history." The deal brought the F-35's price per plane below \$80 million ahead of schedule.

However the program is having trouble keeping the F-35's mission-capable, an odd problem for a brand new fleet. The overall F-35 fleet was capable of performing all of its tasked missions only about a third of the time, an official with the Government Accountability Office said Wednesday.

The problem could threaten the mil-



JOSHUA WILLIAMS/U.S. Air Force

U.S. Air Force F-35A Lightning IIs from Hill Air Force Base returned to Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates, to rejoin the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing on Nov. 16. Rep. John Garamendi, D-Calif., has threatened to hold up the multibillion-dollar contract for F-35s if some questions aren't resolved.

tary's ability to respond to threats.

"As you well know, if we are missing parts and can't get our jets airborne, our ability to deliver combat effects on this aircraft is significantly diminished," said Lt. Gen. Eric Fick, the Pentagon's F-35 program executive.

The Defense Department and Lockheed have often disagreed over how much of the supply chain data should be considered proprietary. Under the original concept for

the F-35 program, Lockheed had extensive control over major aspects of the jet's repair and maintenance costs. Over time, the Defense Department has asserted greater control over that information.

The government challenged Lockheed Martin to prove that the plane's algorithms had been developed at the contractor's expense rather than with taxpayer funds, something that could determine ownership. The matter is currently under consid-

eration, Fick said.

The Project on Government Oversight, a watchdog group, has pressed for the Defense Department to have full ownership over all of the F-35's technical rights and related data.

"Doing so would prevent a future situation like the one now facing the F-35 program — and by extension, American service members and taxpayers," POGO executive director Danielle Brian wrote in a letter to members of Congress. "It would also allow the government to seek alternative suppliers should the original contractor fail to live up to expectations."

Loren Thompson, a defense consultant who works with Lockheed Martin as well as other defense contractors at the nonprofit Lexington Institute, said: "The struggle over IP between the government and defense contractors is likely to go on indefinitely. If you own the information, you can largely shape the future of the system."

Loren Thompson
defense consultant

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PACIFIC

China urges US military to 'stop flexing muscles'

By ROBERT BURNS
Associated Press

BANGKOK — China on Monday urged the U.S. military to “stop flexing muscles” in the disputed South China Sea, a point of persistent friction in a relationship both sides said was generally improving.

A spokesman for the Chinese Ministry of Defense, Col. Wu Qian, told reporters in Bangkok that the South China Sea was among numerous issues discussed earlier in the day when U.S. Defense Secretary Mark Esper held his first face-to-face meeting with the Chinese defense minister, Gen. Wei Fenghe. They met for more than half an hour on the margins of a broader Asia defense officials' conference.

“We agreed to keep talking and engaging frequently,” Esper told reporters afterward in a brief exchange. “We continue to make progress on any number of issues.”

The South China Sea for years has been a major point of contention between Beijing and Washington. China claims the South China Sea as its sovereign territory, but its claims overlap with those of other Asian governments. The United States has no territo-

rial stake but has periodically sailed Navy ships through areas of the sea that China considers off-limits.

Wu, the Defense Ministry spokesman, told a news conference that Esper and Wei had a “very positive and constructive” meeting and “agreed in many areas.” But he was clear that Beijing is irritated at the U.S. Navy's presence in the South China Sea. Wu said Wei reaffirmed China's commitment to safeguarding “territorial sovereignty and maritime rights and interests” in the South China Sea.

“The Chinese side also urges the U.S. side to stop flexing muscles in the South China Sea and do not provoke and escalate tensions in the South China Sea,” he said through a Chinese interpreter. Asked by a reporter to be more specific about Chinese objections, Wu said the U.S. should “stop intervening in the South China Sea and stop military provocations.”

Esper spokesman Jonathan Hoffman said in a later statement that the U.S. defense secretary “pointedly reiterated that the United States will fly, sail and operate wherever international law allows — and we will encourage and protect the rights of other sovereign nations to do the same.”



ROBERT BURNS/AP

Chinese Defense Minister Gen. Wei Fenghe, left, greets U.S. Defense Secretary Mark Esper in Bangkok on Monday.



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A parachuting drill by military sharpshooters is held at an unknown location in North Korea. Leader Kim Jong Un has vowed to build an “invincible army,” displaying more defiance even as the United States and South Korea called off their own exercises to create space for nuclear diplomacy.

N. Korea says it won't give Trump a summit without US concessions

By KIM TONG-HYUNG
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea on Monday responded to a tweet by U.S. President Donald Trump that hinted at another summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, saying it has no interest in giving Trump further meetings to brag about unless it gets something substantial in return.

The statement by Foreign Ministry adviser Kim Kye Gwan is the latest call by North Korea for U.S. concessions ahead of an end-of-year deadline set by Kim Jong Un for the Trump administration to offer mutually acceptable terms for a deal to salvage nuclear diplomacy.

Following a U.S. decision over the weekend to call off joint military exercises with South Korea to create space for diplomacy with the North, Trump in a tweet urged Kim to “act quickly, get the deal done” and hinted at another summit between them, saying “See you soon!”

But Kim Kye Gwan reiterated his government's stance that Washington must discard what North Korea sees as “hostile” policies to keep the negotiations

alive. “Three rounds of DPRK-U.S. summit meetings and talks were held since June last year, but no particular improvement has been achieved in the DPRK-U.S. relations. ... The U.S. only seeks to earn time, pretending it has made progress in settling the issue of the Korean Peninsula,” he said in a statement carried by the official Korean Central News Agency, referring to North Korea by the initials of its formal name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

“We are no longer interested in such talks that bring nothing to us. As we have got nothing in return, we will no longer gift the U.S. president with something he can boast of, but get compensation for the successes that President Trump is proud of as his administrative achievements.”

Kim Kye Gwan is a veteran diplomat who led the North Korean delegation at much of the now-dormant six-nation nuclear disarmament talks held in Beijing in 2003-08.

His statement came hours after KCNA reported that leader Kim supervised a parachuting drill by military sharpshooters and vowed to build an “invincible army,” displaying more defiance

despite the decision by the U.S. and South Korea to shelve their drills.

It was North Korea's second publicized military drill in three days. A report Saturday said Kim urged combat pilots to prepare against enemies “armed to the teeth” while attending a flight demonstration.

North Korea has been ramping up missile tests and other military demonstrations in recent months in an apparent pressure tactic over the talks.

Negotiations have faltered since a February summit between Kim and Trump in Vietnam, which broke down after the U.S. rejected North Korean demands for broad sanctions relief in exchange for a partial surrender of its nuclear capabilities.

Kim later issued his end-of-year deadline and has also said the North would seek a “new path” if the United States persists with sanctions and pressure.

Working-level talks last month in Sweden broke down over what the North Koreans described as the Americans’ “old stance and attitude.” North Korea last week said the United States has proposed a resumption of negotiations in December.

Japanese official: US did not request fivefold increase to support forces

By HANA KUSUMOTO
Stars and Stripes

TOKYO — Japan's government on Sunday denied a report it had been asked to fork over five times as much as it now pays to support United States forces stationed in the country.

Kyodo News reported Saturday that Japan had rejected a request

for the funding increase that was delivered by John Bolton, then-national security adviser to President Donald Trump, when he visited Tokyo in July.

Japanese Defense Minister Taro Kono refuted the report, according to a transcript of a Sunday press conference posted on the Defense Ministry's website.

In Japan's fiscal 2019 draft bud-

get, about \$1.8 billion has been earmarked to host U.S. forces, which include more than 50,000 service members, mostly stationed on Okinawa. Japan would have to pay more than \$9 billion annually if it had accepted to the request, Kyodo reported.

The talk about cost-sharing echoes news from South Korea, where U.S. Defense Secretary

Mark Esper on Friday called on the government to increase its share of the cost to support 28,500 U.S. troops stationed on the divided peninsula.

Trump has insisted that U.S. allies, including NATO members, need to pay more for their own defense.

Esper also called on Seoul to reverse its decision to cancel a

military intelligence-sharing agreement with Japan before it expires on Saturday.

The U.S. fears the pact's termination could jeopardize security as North Korea resumes weapons testing amid stalled nuclear talks.

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MILITARY

3 Kaiserslautern-area middle schools to merge

By JENNIFER H. SVAN
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KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — About 750 students at small middle schools in the Kaiserslautern area will attend the same school on Vogelweh as of the next academic year, when three schools are merged into one, a top school official said.

The merger will mean longer bus rides for students currently at Landstuhl and Sembach middle schools, which have enrollments of 185 and 103 students, respectively, said Steven Sanchez, the superintendent of the Department of Defense Education Activity Europe East District.

Students at Kaiserslautern Middle School already go to school on Vogelweh and will move with the others to the former Vogelweh Elementary School building, which is on the other side of the base.

The benefits of attending a big-

ger school outweigh the longer commute, Sanchez said.

"There are many more things we can offer in a larger school that we cannot offer in three smaller schools," such as more academic offerings and more after-school clubs and activities, the DODEA superintendent said.

No teaching positions are likely to be cut as a result of the consolidation, Sanchez said.

"We're talking the same number of kids, so my thought is we'll need approximately the same number of teachers," Sanchez said.

The consolidation has been in the works since last year, Sanchez said. It was announced last week in an email sent to parents.

The move is necessary to allow construction projects for new schools in the Kaiserslautern area to proceed, including a new Kaiserslautern Middle School on Vogelweh. Students in the old Vo-

gelweh Elementary School building will attend the new school once it's completed, which is expected in about five years.

The former Vogelweh school building, which used to have an enrollment of hundreds of students from pre-K to grade six, has sufficient space for the interim middle school. The school shuttered last spring to make way for a new elementary school building, which opened its doors at the start of this school year.

Among the handful of emails Sanchez said he's received from parents about the consolidation, one expressed a wish for Landstuhl to retain its small middle school.

"It's kind of a community school ... and we understand that," he said. "What we're trying to communicate is this really will bring more opportunities for students."

The more than 800 students who attend the largest military



JENNIFER H. SVAN/Stars and Stripes

More than 700 students from three Department of Defense Education Activity middle schools in Kaiserslautern, Germany, will all attend the former Vogelweh Elementary School next fall.

middle school in the Kaiserslautern region, Ramstein, are unaffected by the changes, DODEA

officials have said.

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Police warn tourists in Tokyo about bar scams

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TOKYO — Bracing for an influx of tourists as the 2020 Olympics draw near, Tokyo police are warning of a potential increase in scams targeting foreigners in the city's entertainment districts.

So-called "rip-off bars" — a ploy targeting foreigners that may be familiar to some U.S. service members — have been on the rise, according to Tokyo Metropolitan Police. The scam typically involves patrons being lured inside a bar by street touts in areas like Roppongi and Kabukicho, then find themselves charged excessively large tabs.

These bars, which are usually operated by foreigners from non-Western countries, have been known to charge a target's credit card more than once. In other cases, they serve strong or spiked alcohol and fudge the bill while the customer's consciousness is unclear.

"Entertainment districts are places where people go to refresh and enjoy, but it's also easy to commit crimes and violence," said Yuta Nagasaka, superintendent of the metro police's First Organized Crime Control Division.

Although police do not keep track of crimes targeting foreigners specifically, Nagasaka said he expects these incidents to increase as tourist numbers, which surged during the recent Rugby World Cup in Japan, climb even higher.

The Japanese government is aiming to increase foreign visitors to Japan to 40 million next



THERON GODBOLD/Stars and Stripes

Tokyo police say scams targeting foreigners usually happen in Roppongi, above, and other entertainment districts in the city.

year, when the Tokyo Olympics take place. There were 31.2 million visitors in 2018.

Police are also seeing a trend of what they call "drink back girls" who typically target foreign men, Nagasaka said. These women find a target on the street or in hotel lounges, bars or via dating apps and lure them to go out for drinks at a rip-off bar.

The women, who usually receive half of the money paid by the target, often order expensive drinks to increase the bill, Nagasaka said.

The U.S. military, which says it has not seen an uptick in crimes targeting Tokyo-based troops, regularly educates service members about such scams.

"We highly encourage our community to take advantage of serving in Japan so they can get off base," said U.S. Army Garrison Japan spokeswoman Gwendolyn

Small. "We also stress that they do it safely and take the same precautions they would use when visiting any other city. Travel with a buddy, have a plan, be aware of your surroundings."

"You should think there is a catch when a stranger talks to you in English."

Yuta Nagasaka
First Organized Crime Control Division

and warn people about the touts, Nagasaka said.

Tokyo police have put up post-

ers in English, which can also be found at some U.S. military bases, showing a man and woman luring a person to a door. "Your plastic money is being targeted by card criminals," the posters read. "Be aware of over street solicitations! (Drink-spiking cases are on the rise)."

If you suspect you've been taken by this type of scam, call police immediately and have a copy of your credit card statement when filing a report, said Nagasaka, who added the best defense is avoiding the trap in the first place.

"Do not follow someone you don't know," he said. "You should think there is a catch when a stranger talks to you in English."

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Man caught at Spangdahlem without license after 25 years

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KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — A German man who drove for 25 years without a license finally had the brakes applied when Air Force guards asked him for a valid ID as he tried to drive onto Spangdahlem Air Base.

The man, 58, had driven up to the gate at Spangdahlem on Oct. 29 in a car belonging to a construction company that was doing work on the base, German police in the nearby town of Bitburg said in a statement Monday.

When he could not provide a valid license to the guards, the Air Force called the Bitburg police, who discovered the man had long been driving without the legally required documentation.

The man, whose name was not released, has driven a company vehicle often and may have provided his employer with an invalid license, the police said.

German driver's licenses used to have no expiration date, but since 2013, European Union rules require drivers to renew their licenses every 15 years.

After the police have investigated the man for driving without a license, his case will go to the prosecutor's office to determine whether he should face criminal charges, Bitburg police detective Edwin Gertn said.

The penalty for driving without a valid license in Germany can include up to one year in confinement and a fine, which is based on income.

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MIDEAST

Grenades hit Afghan military site

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Attackers threw a pair of grenades at the gate of a military training center in Kabul on Monday, wounding at least four Afghan soldiers and a civilian, an official said.

Interior Ministry spokesman Nasrat Rahimi initially said the back-to-back explosions were caused by suicide bombers but later said that it was from a pair of hand grenades.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack.

The grenades were hurled at the entrance of the Military Training Center on the western edge of Kabul around 7:30 a.m. as recruits were arriving for classes and training.

Both the Taliban and Islamic State regularly target Afghan

security forces and government officials in Kabul and elsewhere across the country. Monday's attack came just days after a suicide car bomb targeting a security firm in Kabul killed 12 people, including several children on their way to school.

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani had last week announced the conditional release of three prominent Taliban prisoners but later had them returned to custody, saying their release was being reconsidered. The three were to be exchanged for two professors of the American University in Kabul — an American, Kevin King, and an Australian national, Timothy Weeks. The two were abducted by the Taliban in 2016.

One of the three Taliban prisoners to have been released was Anas Haqqani, the younger



RAHMAT GUL/AP

Afghan national army soldiers guard Kabul Military Training Center in the capital on Monday after explosions targeting the military training center wounded soldiers, police and interior spokesmen said.

brother of the Taliban deputy head, Sirajuddin Haqqani, who also leads the fearsome Haqqani network.

Officials say airstrike kills at least 7 in Libya

Associated Press

CAIRO — An airstrike slammed into a biscuit factory in Libya's capital, Tripoli, on Monday killing at least seven workers including five foreign nationals and two Libyans, health authorities said, in what the U.N. envoy to Libya said could be a war crime.

Tripoli has been the scene of fighting since April between the self-styled Libyan National Army, led by Gen. Khalifa Hifter, and an array of militias loosely allied with the U.N.-supported but weak government that holds the capital.

The Tripoli-based Health Ministry said the airstrike took place in the capital's Wadi el-Rabie neighborhood, south of the city center where fighting has been raging for months.

Malek Mersat, a spokesman with the ministry, told The Associated Press that the dead included five workers from Bangladesh and two Libyan nationals.

The airstrike also wounded at least 33 workers, mostly from Niger and Bangladesh, who were taken to nearby hospitals for urgent treatment, Mersat said.

Footage shared online showed wounded people with bandages and blood on their legs on stretchers before being taken by ambulances to hospitals.

Ghassan Salame, the U.N. envoy for Libya, told the U.N. Security Council on Monday that the attack caused 10 deaths and 35 injuries and could constitute a war crime.

He said the U.N. is working to verify the facts.

The Tripoli-based government blamed the airstrike on Hifter's LNA, which did not return calls seeking comment.

Fighting for Tripoli has stalled in recent months, with both sides dug in and shelling one another along the city's southern reaches. The months of combat have killed hundreds of people and displaced thousands.

Libya has been divided into rival governments, with Tripoli controlling parts of the country's west, and a rival government in the east aligned with Hifter's force. Each side is backed by an array of militias and armed groups fighting over resources and territory.

Iraq: Protesters block roads to crucial port

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Anti-government demonstrators in southern Iraq blocked roads leading to the country's main port on Monday, while the country's central bank reduced working hours because of ongoing demonstrations, security officials said.

Protesters burned tires, blocking the roads to the Umm Qasr port, responsible for the bulk of the country's commodities imports, a Basra security official said.

Protesters also cut roads to the airport with burning tires in the holy city of Najaf.

This is the second time the port has been blocked since the protests began on Oct. 1, when thousands of Iraqis, mostly youth, took to the streets denouncing rampant government corruption, failing state services, including electricity cuts, and a lack of job opportunities.

"It was tough times when the port was closed," said a senior port official, referring to previous closures on Oct. 29 that lasted nearly a week. The source said productivity had been cut by nearly half as a result but imports had been rebounding gradually since. The port is an important source of revenue for the government.

Meanwhile, working hours were reduced for employees of the Central Bank in Baghdad, located on the famous Rasheed



KHALID MOHAMMED/AP

Protesters stage a sit-in on barriers at the Sinak Bridge in Baghdad, leading to the Green Zone government areas, during ongoing anti-government protests in Iraq on Monday.

Street, because of the ongoing protests. On Sunday, two protesters were wounded when security forces fired tear gas in renewed confrontations with demonstrators on Rasheed Street, close to

the central bank building.

At least 320 people have been killed and thousands wounded in the capital and the mostly Shiite southern provinces since the unrest began. Clashes have seen se-

curity forces use heavy tear gas, live rounds and stun guns to repel demonstrators from reaching the heavily fortified Green Zone, the seat of Iraq's government and also home to the U.S. Embassy.

Iran: Protesters took police officers hostage

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Iran's government spokesman is saying that violent protesters angry over higher gasoline prices took police and security personnel hostage during the unrest.

Rabiei did not elaborate during remarks to journalists

Monday, though the acknowledgment shows the level of unrest gripping Iran since Friday.

Rabiei says the government should soon unblock internet access across the country, and estimates attendance in demonstrations has dropped by 80% compared with the day before.

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani separately warned that those who abandon their cars in the street could face legal action. That was one way people protested gas prices rising by 50% and the imposition of tighter fuel rationing.

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VETERANS

Boss helps employee, a veteran, retire

By CATHY FREE

Special To The Washington Post

Auto mechanic Albert Bringas, 69, spent after long days on his feet looking under car hoods and pulling apart transmissions. His back ached in the evenings.

"I was getting more tired the last couple of years," said Bringas, who for 13 years worked at Renown Auto Restoration in San Antonio.

He calculated he would work six more months, pay off his mortgage and then retire. He was counting the days until he could spend more time with his wife and grandchildren and also give his body a rest.

His boss, shop owner Rudy Quinones, knew Bringas — the oldest of his 13 employees — wanted to retire.

"I never had any issues with him, ever," said Quinones, 52. "But I could tell that his age and the physicality of the job were starting to take a toll."

So last month, Quinones called Bringas into his office and put forth a question: "If we took care of your mortgage, would that allow you to retire?"

Bringas was not sure he heard his boss correctly.

"I thought, 'Are you serious?'" Bringas said. "But he was. He really did want to pay off the rest of what I owed on my mortgage."

One week later, shortly before Halloween, Quinones accompanied Bringas to his bank and wrote a check for \$4,986 to pay off the loan he had taken out with his wife, Sylvia Bringas, almost 24 years ago. The story was first reported by *The San Antonio Star* in KENS5.

"It was something I could do for him that would make the biggest difference," Quinones said. After years of faithfully making monthly \$880 payments, the Bringas' three-bedroom, 1,500-square-foot home was officially paid off.

"I gave my boss a hug and told him, 'Syl-



Courtesy of Scott Lewis

Rudy Quinones, left, owner of Renown Auto Restoration in San Antonio, poses with Albert Bringas and his wife, Sylvia, a few days after Quinones paid off the Bringases' mortgage.

'It was something I could do for him that would make the biggest difference.'

Rudy Quinones

owner of Renown Auto Restoration in San Antonio

via is never going to believe this," said Bringas, a Vietnam War veteran with two adult children and two grandchildren.

He said it is not the first time he has

seen Quinones go out of his way to help his employees.

"If somebody is down on their luck and needs a loan, Rudy is there for them,"

Bringas said. "And if your car needs some repairs or you need parts, he'll take care of it. He has a big heart."

In turn, Quinones said he admired Bringas' work ethic, which is why he trusted him to open the shop at 6:30 every morning in preparation for restoring and repairing vintage Mustangs, Camaros and Corvettes.

Quinones also knew Bringas and his wife had helped raise their 12-year-old granddaughter and were now helping to look after a new infant grandson.

"I wanted him to enjoy more time with his family," he said. "He's worked hard, and he deserves that."

At work, Bringas was known for rarely missing a shift. Tinkering with cars has been a passion of his since he was 10, when his godfather first showed him how to take apart an engine.

"I've always loved taking apart a car and putting it back together," he said. "The most recent one I worked on last month was a light-blue '67 Mustang. I changed everything — the engine, transmission, AC, electronics, you name it. What a beautiful car that was."

Bringas' fellow employees recalled a few other special qualities at his retirement party in the shop's showroom on Oct. 31.

"He could sniff out doughnuts wherever they were, and he'd always grab the doughnuts with the sprinkles on top," said Quinones. "So at the retirement roast, one of my employees gave Albert a container of sprinkles. Now he can use them on his doughnuts in retirement."

Bringas said he will miss those early morning doughnuts but not the 5 a.m. "wake-up call" from his alarm clock.

"I feel emotional when I think about what he did for me," Bringas said. "When something like this happens to change your life, you never forget."

'You've got to give back': Vet helps restore homes in NC

By RACHAEL RILEY

The Fayetteville (N.C.) Observer

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — Seeing her neighbors come together after Hurricane Florence devastated their neighborhood in 2018 inspired retired Army Master Sgt. Avis Rankins to help others in need of shelter.

Service was instilled and impressed upon Rankins from an early age.

Rankins, who calls North Carolina home, said her father was a medic stationed at Fort Bragg until his retirement in 1972.

"I always knew I was going to be a soldier when I was little," Rankins said. "And I can remember him actually coming home in his uniform — and back then I think it was actually the fatigues or the brown uniform — but he would come home all pressed and cleaned and everything, and I was just fascinated. And so I think at that age, I knew I was going to be just like him."

And, like her father, Rankins was interested in medicine.

She remembers that when her grandmother had cancer, she was curious about the tubes and their function.

"So I think that's where my fascination grew from," she said.

Rankins enlisted in the Army as a nurse in 1987. Her first duty station was Fort Knox, Ky.

She retired while at Fort Bragg in 2016 after spending 20 years there. During that time, she served with the 44th Medical Brigade and Womack Army Medical Center and deployed to Bosnia in 2001 and Iraq in 2006.

While at Womack, Rankins met then-Lt. Col. Tracy Coffin. Coffin, who retired after 25 years in the Army, was hired last year as project manager for Fayetteville Area Habitat for Humanity.

When homes flooded in Rankins' Spring Lake neighborhood in 2018, she reached out to Coffin.

"Our neighborhood turned into a giant river just flowing through that bottom half of it," Rankins said.

Rankins had volunteered with Habitat for Humanity through a soldier support group at Womack Army Medical Center in 2009.

"I knew that Tracy at the time [was with] Habitat for Humanity, so I kind of reached out to her and said, 'Hey, I got a bunch of homes in Spring Lake, and we need your help. Come help us.' Little did I know," Rankins said.

Rankins rallied her neighbors — who all happen to be military service-connected — from seven homes and emphasized one point.

"I said, 'This is what we're going to do. This is how we're going to do it, and we're all coming home together,'" she said.

Tom Poston, an Air Force veteran who retired from what was then Pope Air Force Base in the mid-1990s after 18 years of service, remembered helping Rankins' community.

Poston was a site coordinator for hurricane relief for Baptists on Mission and teamed up with Habitat for Humanity.

"And it didn't matter if I was working on Avis' house or if I was working on Jennifer Baker's house, Avis was right in there with us, and Mr. Hall and Mr. Crow — everybody

— whatever we needed to do that day, everybody jumped in to do it," Poston said. Rankins said that because Habitat for Humanity was instrumental in getting her neighbors back in their homes, she felt compelled to give back.

"Because they did such a great thing in the community of Spring Lake, not only did they get my neighborhood but they also went over on Vass Road and helped those residents, too," Rankins said. "So when it gives good to you, you've got to give back to them."

Working through AmeriCorps, Rankins has helped the Fayetteville Area Habitat for Humanity with it latest Veterans Village project that will assist seven veterans with housing in the Oakridge Estates development.

"She had other job offers, but this, where you can give back to your community and take care of people and help them, there's nothing more satisfying than doing that," Coffin said.

As she did with her Spring Lake neighbors, Rankins is jumping in where she is needed — from building shutters to sweeping streets to picking up nails.

"We say we leave no one behind in war — well, here it is in a regular peacetime, humanitarian-type mission. We're still not leaving anyone behind," Rankins said. Rankins said she considers giving back to be essential, and it's something she's trying to instill in her grandchildren.

After Hurricane Matthew in 2016, she said they were at a cemetery and one of her grandsons noticed the flooding and asked a question. "He said, 'But grandpa, look at all the flowers. Who's going to put them back?'"

"And I said, 'Well, we're standing here, boys,' and they began to put all the flowers back on the grave," Rankins said. "So I think if we start them at a younger age, instilling that community service as they grow, it'll stay with them."

NATION

Trump invited to testify as more witnesses prep

BY JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi invited President Donald Trump to testify in front of investigators in the House impeachment inquiry ahead of a week that will see several key witnesses appear publicly.

Pushing back against accusations from the Republican president that the process has been stacked against him, Pelosi said Trump is welcome to appear or answer questions in writing, if he chooses.

If he has information that is exculpatory — that means ex, taking away, culpable, blame — then we look forward to seeing it," she said in an interview that aired Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation." Trump "could come right before the committee and talk, speak all the truth that he wants, if he wants," she said.

On Monday, Trump tweeted he might be willing to offer written testimony "She also said I could do it in writing. Even though I did nothing wrong and don't like giving credibility to this No Due Process Hoax, I like the idea & will, in order for Congress focused again, strongly consider it!"

Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer, of New York, told reporters Trump "should come to the committee and testify under oath. And he should allow all those around him to come to the committee and testify under oath." He said the White House's insistence on blocking witnesses from cooperating begs the question, "What is he hiding?"

Second week

The comments come as the House Intelligence Committee prepares for a second week of public hearings as part of its inquiry, including with the man who is arguably the most important witness. Gordon Sondland, Trump's ambassador to the European Union, is among the only people interviewed to date who had direct conversations with the president about the situation because the White House has blocked others from cooperating with what it dismisses as a sham investigation.

Testimony suggests he was intimately involved in discussions that are at the heart of the investigation into whether Trump held up U.S. military aid to Ukraine to try to pressure the country's president to announce an investigation into Democrats, including former Vice President Joe Biden, a leading 2020 candidate, and

Biden's son, Hunter.

Multiple witnesses overheard a phone call in which Trump and Sondland reportedly discussed efforts to push for the investigations. In private testimony to impeachment investigators made public Saturday, Tim Morrison, a former National Security Council aide and longtime Republican defense hawk, said Sondland told him he was discussing Ukraine matters directly with Trump.

Morrison said Sondland and Trump had spoken approximately five times between July 15 and Sept. 11 — the weeks that \$391 million in U.S. assistance was withheld from Ukraine before it was released.

And he recounted that Sondland told a Ukrainian official in a meeting that the vital U.S. military assistance might be freed up if the country's top prosecutor "would go to the mic and announce that he was opening the Burisma investigation." Burisma is the gas company that hired Hunter Biden.

Morrison's testimony contradicted much of what Sondland told congressional investigators during his own closed-door deposition, which the ambassador later amended.

No recollection

Trump has said he has no recollection of the overheard call and has suggested he barely knew Sondland, a wealthy donor to his 2016 campaign. But Democrats are hoping he sheds new light on the discussions.

"I'm not going to try to prejudge his testimony," Rep. Jim Himes, D-Conn., said on "Fox News Sunday." But he suggested, "it was not lost on Ambassador Sondland what happened to the president's close associate, Roger Stone, for lying to Congress, to Michael Cohen for lying to Congress. My guess is that Ambassador Sondland is going to do his level best to tell the truth because, otherwise, he may have a very unpleasant legal future in front of him."

The committee also will be interviewing a long list of others. On Tuesday, it'll hear from Morrison along with Jennifer Williams, an aide to Vice President Mike Pence; Alexander Vindman, the director for European affairs at the National Security Council; and Kurt Volker, the former U.S. special envoy to Ukraine.

On Wednesday the committee will hear from Sondland in addition to Laura Cooper, a deputy assistant secretary of defense, and David Hale, a State Department official. On Thursday, Fiona Hill,



J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., arrives to talk to reporters on Thursday, the morning after the first public hearing in the impeachment probe of President Donald Trump. Pelosi said Sunday the president "could come right before the committee and talk ... if he wants."

a former top NSC staffer for Europe and Russia, will appear.

Trump, meanwhile, continued to tweet and retweet a steady stream of commentary from supporters as he bashed "The Crazed, Do Nothing Democrats" for "turning Impeachment into a routine partisan weapon."

"That is very bad for our Country, and not what the Founders had in mind!!!" he wrote.

Doctored video

He also tweeted a doctored video exchange between Rep. Adam Schiff, the Democratic chairman of the Intelligence Committee, and Republican Rep. Jim Jordan in which Schiff said he did not know the identity of the whistleblower whose complaint triggered the inquiry. The clip has been altered to show Schiff wearing a referee's uniform and loudly blowing a whistle.

In her CBS interview, Pelosi vowed to protect the whistleblower, whom Trump has said should be forced to come forward despite long-standing whistleblower protections.

"I will make sure he does not intimidate the whistleblower," Pelosi said.

Trump has been under fire for his treatment of one of the witnesses, the former ambassador to Ukraine, Marie Yovanovitch, whom Trump criticized by tweet as she was testifying last week.

That attack prompted accusations of witness intimidation from Democrats and even some criticism from Republicans, who have been largely united in their defense of Trump.

"I think, along with most people, I find the president's tweet generally unfortunate," Ohio Republican Rep. Mike Turner said on CNN's "State of the Union."

Still, he insisted that tweets were "certainly not impeachable" and it's "certainly not criminal." And it's "certainly not witness intimidation," even if Yovanovitch said she felt intimidated by the attacks.

Rep. Chris Stewart, R-Utah, said Trump "communicates in ways that sometimes I wouldn't," but dismissed the significance of the attacks.

US officials knew about Ukraine's Trump anxiety

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. State Department officials were informed that Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy was feeling pressure from the Trump administration to investigate former Vice President Joe Biden even before the July phone call that has led to impeachment hearings in Washington, two people with knowledge of the matter told The Associated Press.

In early May, staff at the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv, including then-Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch, were briefed on a meeting Zelenskyy held in which he sought advice on how to navigate the difficult position he was in, according to two people with knowledge of the briefings.

He was concerned that Trump and associates were pressing him to take action that could affect the 2020 U.S. presidential race, the people said. They spoke only on condition of anonymity because of the diplomatic and political sensitivity of the issue.

The briefings show that U.S. officials knew early that Zelenskyy was feeling pressure to investigate Biden, even though the Ukrainian leader later denied it in a joint news conference with Trump in September.

Congressional Republicans have pointed to that public Zelenskyy statement to argue that he felt no pressure to open an investigation and, therefore, the Democrats' allegations that led to the impeachment hearings are misplaced.

"Both presidents expressly have stated there was no pressure, no demand, no conditions, no blackmail, no corruption," one Republican lawmaker, John Ratcliffe, of Texas, argued on the first day of public

hearings last week.

The central allegation in the impeachment inquiry is that Trump, through his allies, demanded that Ukraine, which is fending off Russian aggression, launch an investigation that would benefit him politically in exchange for crucial military and strategic support.

Witnesses have detailed in closed-door depositions and public impeachment hearings that allies of Trump pressed Ukraine to investigate Biden and his son while withholding military aid and a coveted meeting between the newly elected Zelenskyy and Trump.

The U.S. briefings — and contemporaneous notes on Zelenskyy's early anxiety about Trump's interest in an investigation — suggest that Democrats have evidence in reach to contradict Republican arguments that Zelenskyy never felt pressure to investigate Biden.

The Associated Press reported last month about Zelenskyy's meeting on May 7 with two top aides, as well as Andriy Kobolyev, head of the state-owned natural gas company Naftogaz, and Amos Hochtstein, an American who sits on the Ukrainian company's supervisory board. Ahead of the meeting, Hochtstein told Yovanovitch why he was being called in.

He separately briefed two U.S. Embassy officials, Suriya Jayanti and Joseph Pennington, about Zelenskyy's concerns, said the two people who spoke to the AP. Jayanti and Pennington took notes on the meeting, the people said.

After the meeting, Hochtstein told the embassy officials about Zelenskyy's concerns and then traveled to Washington to update Yovanovitch on the meeting.

NATION

Police search for suspects in Calif. shooting; 4 killed

Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. — Police in the central California city of Fresno were searching Monday for suspects and trying to determine a motive for the killing of four people at a backyard party and the wounding of six as dozens were watching football on TV.

Fresno police Lt. Bill Dooley said “unknown suspects” sneaked into the backyard about 6 p.m. Sunday and fired into the crowd. Fresno Deputy Police Chief Michael Reid told the Fresno Bee newspaper and the KSEE and KGPE TV stations that 10 people were shot and that three were found dead in the backyard. A fourth person died at the hospital. Six others are expected to survive and were recovering at a hospital.

The victims were men ranging in age from 25 to 35, Reid said. “What we do know is that this

was a gathering, a family and friend gathering, in the backyard,” Dooley said. “Everyone was watching football this evening when unknown suspects approached the residence, snuck into the backyard and opened fire.”

Fresno police spokesman Lt. Mark Hudson did not immediately return messages Monday seeking additional comment.

The victims were taken to Community Regional Medical Center in critical condition, and some are now in stable condition, the TV stations reported.

About 35 people were at the party when the shooting began, Reid said. “Thank God that no kids were hurt,” he said.

No one had been taken into custody, and authorities said there was no immediate indication that the victims knew the shooter or shooters. Police were going door



LARRY VALENZUELA, THE FRESNO (CALIF.) BEE/AP

Police and emergency personnel gather on the scene of a shooting at a backyard party Sunday in southeast Fresno, Calif.

to door in search of surveillance video that might help them track down the suspects.

Agents from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives field office in San Francisco responded to the shooting, the Bee reported.

Other shootings have happened recently in the same neighborhood, leaving neighbors frightened, they said.

Choua Vang told the Bee that his neighbor's house was shot at last week and that he feels unsafe outside after dark.

“We’re thinking about moving out of the neighborhood,” he said. “We don’t know how many more shootings there will be.”

It was at least the second fatal gun attack Sunday in southeastern Fresno, the Bee reported. A

man in his 20s was shot to death early Sunday at a home in another part of the city. Police have not said whether the incidents could be connected.

Sunday’s Fresno shootings came after two other mass shootings in California.

Last Thursday, a 16-year-old student at a Southern California high school in the city of Santa Clarita outside Los Angeles shot and killed two classmates and wounded three other teens before shooting himself in the head. He died the next day.

On Saturday, police in San Diego said a husband shot and killed his wife and three of their sons before killing himself. A fourth son wounded in the shooting was on life support on Sunday, family members said.

3 dead in shooting at Walmart in Oklahoma

Associated Press

DUNCAN, Okla. — Two men and a woman were fatally shot Monday outside a Walmart store in southwestern Oklahoma, the chief of police said.

Two victims were shot inside a car and the third was in the parking lot outside the store in Duncan, Police Chief Danny Ford said.

Police are looking for witnesses to the shooting, Ford said.

Nostaff members were involved in the shooting and the store was not evacuated, Walmart spokeswoman LeMia Jenkins said in an email.

“This was an isolated incident in the parking lot and was not an active shooter situation,” Jenkins said.

Police said in a Facebook post that a handgun was found at the scene.

Duncan is about 80 miles south of Oklahoma City.

Just last week, a Walmart in El Paso, Texas, reopened months after an Aug. 3 mass shooting there.



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White House pushes drug cost legislation

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House is ramping up its push to get a bill through Congress that curbs prescription drug costs, feeling a new urgency as the impeachment investigation advances amid the 2020 election campaign.

The effort has progressed beyond anything seen in years, says President Donald Trump's top domestic policy adviser. "This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to confront these issues in a nonideological fashion," adviser Joe Grogan said in a recent session with reporters.

"Unfortunately," Grogan explained, "there are some current complications."

After months of dialogue, the White House and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi have parted ways on Medicare price negotiations that Pelosi advocates and Trump — unlike most Republicans — once supported in principle.

Instead Trump is backing a compromise bipartisan bill in the Senate, which does not give Medicare bargaining authority but forces drug-makers to pay rebates if they raise prices too high.

Grogan said the administration

is working to line up Republican support for the Senate bill while trying to sweeten its impact by plowing more of the government's savings from reduced drug prices into benefits for seniors.

"We're really at a stage on a bipartisan basis of dialing in on the final specifics," he said at a recent event sponsored by the Alliance for Health Policy.

The pressure is on Trump.

A Gallup-West Health poll finds that 66 percent of adults don't believe the Trump administration has made any progress, or very much progress, in limiting the rising cost of prescription drugs.

"If I were the president of the United States, facing a very difficult reelection campaign, I would want to have something to show people in this area," said political scientist Bill Galston, of the Brookings Institution.

Democrats "will be very reluctant to give the administration a win," he added. "If they are going to do that, they are going to need something pretty solid and substantive to show their troops."

People in the policy debate say a deal must be sealed this year or by early next at the very latest before election season goes into overdrive.



The White House is pushing to get Congress to pass a bill that would curb the cost of prescription drugs.

Medicare enrollees would be the biggest winners under either bill.

The bipartisan Senate legislation would cap what Medicare beneficiaries pay out of pocket for medicines and require drug-makers to pay rebates to Medicare if they increase prices above the inflation rate. Its lead authors are Sens. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, and Ron Wyden, D-Ore.

Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has made no public commitment to bring it to the floor.

The more ambitious House Democratic bill would build on the Senate's foundation but also authorize Medicare to negotiate prices for the costliest drugs. That would limit high launch prices for new drugs, not just price increases. Medicare's discounts would

be provided to privately insured people as well.

Pelosi is driving toward a floor vote, but right now neither bill has a clear path to Trump's desk.

Some Democrats contend they'd be better off taking Pelosi's bill into the election campaign rather than giving Trump a bipartisan bill he'd claim credit for.

But Colorado Sen. Michael Bennet, a 2020 Democratic presidential candidate, said his party should think carefully before going to the voters empty-handed.

"I think it's critically important for the country for us to get a bill done. A drug-price bill is long overdue," said Bennet.

"It's always better to get a result," he added. "And if we don't get a result, we need to draw the lines very clearly, so people can see it's the administration that prevented us from getting a result."

Bennet is backing the Senate compromise and also pursuing his own legislation allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices.

Most pro-business Republicans see government-negotiated drug prices as unacceptable interference in the private market. Trump does not.

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Climate said to imperil US Superfund sites

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — At least 60% of U.S. Superfund sites are in areas vulnerable to flooding or other worsening disasters of climate change, and the Trump administration's reluctance to directly acknowledge global warming is deterring efforts to safeguard them, a congressional watchdog agency says.

In a report released Monday, the Government Accountability Office called on Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Andrew Wheeler to state directly that dealing with the rising risks of seas, storms or wildfires breaching Superfund sites under climate change is part of the agency's mission.

The findings in the report, obtained by The Associated Press, emphasize the challenges for government agencies under President Donald Trump, who frequently mocks scientists' urgent warnings on global heating. Wheeler's highest-profile public remarks on the matter came in a March CBS interview, when he called global heating "an important change" but not one of the agency's most pressing problems.

"Most of the threats from climate change are 50 to 75 years out," Wheeler said then, rejecting conclusions by scientists that damage to climate from fossil fuel emissions already is making natural disasters fiercer and more frequent.

Largely avoiding the words "climate change," the agency in a formal response rejected the GAO finding that the agency was making a mistake by not spelling out that hardening Superfund sites against a worsening climate was part and parcel of the EPA's mission.

The EPA believes "the Superfund program's existing processes and resources adequately ensure that risks and any ad-



CHRIS O'MEARA/AP

Boats are moored in the Anclote River near the old Stauffer chemical plant site in Tarpon Springs, Fla., in 2017. Hundreds of the nation's most polluted places are at an increasing risk of spreading contamination beyond their borders by more frequent storms and rising seas.

verse effects of severe weather events, that may increase in intensity, duration, or frequency, are woven into risk assessments," assistant EPA administrator Peter Wright wrote the GAO in response.

GAO investigators looked at 1,571 Superfund sites, contaminated locations that, according to the EPA website, exist naturally due to hazardous waste being dumped, left out in the open or otherwise improperly managed. That number does not include Superfund sites owned by the Defense Department or other federal agencies.

At least 945 of them are in areas that scientists have identified as at greater risk of floods, storm surge from major hurricanes,

wildfires or sea-level rise of 3 feet or more, the GAO says.

Broken down, that includes 783 Superfund sites at greater risk of flooding under climate change, 234 Superfund sites at high or very high risk from wildfires and 187 sites vulnerable to storm surge from any Category 4 or 5 hurricane, the researchers said.

Senate Democrats asked for the review of how ready EPA's Superfund program is for climate change.

Sen. Tom Carper, of Delaware, the senior Democrat on the Senate's Environment and Public Works Committee, urged the agency to follow the GAO's recommendations.

Studies: Mars 2020 rover could find more evidence of Martian life

By SARAH KAPLAN
The Washington Post

On some sunny day next summer, in front of a crowd at Kennedy Space Center, a rocket carrying NASA's next, best hope at finding life on Mars will launch into the sky.

Seven months later, the car-size Mars 2020 rover will touch down near Jezero Crater, a dried-up lake in Mars' northern hemisphere. With its six wheels and suite of high-tech instruments, it will scour the surrounding rocks for evidence that alien microbes once lived on the Red Planet.

Decades of surveying Mars with orbiting probes, landers and rovers has revealed the planet once harbored a thick atmosphere and water on its surface. Researchers have even discovered traces of complex organic molecules — possible building blocks for living cells.

Now, two new studies offer a tantalizing suggestion that Mars 2020 could find even stronger evidence of Martian life — if it ever existed.

The rocks around Jezero show evidence of carbonate and hy-

drated silica — molecules that are known on Earth to help preserve microscopic fossils over billions of years.

"It's a big glaring road sign saying 'look here, look here,' said seismologist Horgan, a planetary scientist at Purdue University and the lead author of a study in the journal *Icarus* reporting the carbonate detection. "Jezero Crater is an incredibly mineralogically diverse place, with lots of paths forward to search for biosignatures, which means we have a lot of chances to understand exactly what happened with the history of life here."

But what would Mars 2020 have to find for scientists to be certain there once were Martians?

Both studies published last week relied on the Compact Reconnaissance Imaging Spectrometer, or CRISM, an orbiting camera capable of scanning the Martian surface in infrared and visible light. From 250 miles high, CRISM produces colorful maps of minerals on the Red Planet.

Carbonates, which form when carbon dioxide interacts with rock and water, have been found all over Jezero Crater. But CRISM

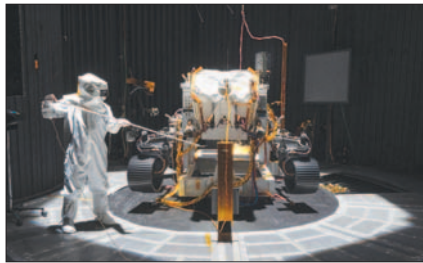
showed a particularly high concentration of the mineral along the crater's inner rim, right where the shoreline of the lake would have been over 3 billion years ago.

To Horgan, this suggests they could have been left behind by waves lapping at the rock.

"What makes this so exciting is [carbonate] traps anything that it precipitates around," Horgan said. "It mimics the structures of the microbes, so you get preserved textures ... but it also traps the organic material in there as well." Jesse Tarnas, a planetary scientist at Brown University, also relied on CRISM maps for his research. His paper, published in the journal *Geophysical Research Letters*, describes hydrated silica near Jezero's delta, where water from a long-gone river fed into the ancient crater lake.

Hydrated silica, better known as opal, can form in volcanic eruptions and at the edges of hot springs. But when it is created from sediments settling on a seafloor, it can form strong, sturdy crystals that are exceptionally effective at preserving signs of life.

Because the Martian hydrated silica is so close to a delta, it's pos-



NASA/JPL-Caltech

An engineer conducts tests on NASA's Mars 2020 rover. Studies suggest that Mars 2020 could find stronger evidence of Martian life.

sible that it contains material from the river system. And if Mars' rivers ever harbored life, remains of ancient organisms might still be trapped within those crystals.

The Curiosity rover, which has been cruising around Gale Crater since 2012, can only measure molecules "in bulk," Morgan said. Though it has found organic molecules, it cannot pinpoint them to particular rock layers or associate them with microscopic structures.

"With 2020 we can go there and we can say we're seeing a concentration of element or mineral associated with this very particular

"By refusing to address the worsening impacts of climate change — from flooding to wildfires to more frequent extreme weather events — at our nation's Superfund sites, this EPA is putting public health at risk," Carper said.

GAO investigators cited California's 150-year-old Iron Mountain mine, where Superfund operators daily prevent tons of toxic sludge from pouring into the Sacramento River system, source of one-fifth of the state's water.

Scientists say that the state's increasing, and increasingly intense, wildfires are a sign of what the country will be seeing as the climate deteriorates. One major wildfire last year overran the Iron Mountain Superfund site, nearly destroying its water-treatment system and risking a massive, poisonous explosion if flames reached the heart of the mine, the GAO said. Firefighters used special gear to stop the flames. Operators of the Superfund site have since swapped out PCB pipes carrying away the toxic waste for flame-resistant steel ones.

East of Houston along the San Jacinto River, record rains under Hurricane Harvey in 2017 again dissolved part of a temporary cap on a 40-acre Superfund site, exposing contaminated material. EPA testing there afterward found dioxin at more than 2,000 times the maximum recommended level.

The EPA's current five-year strategic plan does not include goals or strategies for handling growing risks under climate change, the GAO report said. The most recent previous five-year plan, under President Barack Obama's administration, listed addressing climate change as one of four main strategic goals for the agency and specifically addressed climate change's impact for Superfund sites, the investigators said.

fine scale texture," said Jet Propulsion Laboratory's Katie Stack Morgan, deputy project scientist for the 2020 mission, who was not involved in Tarnas' research. "Those very subtle textural differences are what people look for and have kind of sharpened their eyes to when making a case for biosignatures."

But even in scientists' dream scenario — one in which there was life on Mars, and its remains were preserved, and the 2020 rover is able to find the fossils — it's unlikely that mission alone will prove whether Martians ever existed.

NATION

Dogs sought for canine aging study

Scientists looking into longer lives for pets hope to also shed light on human longevity

By CARLA K. JOHNSON
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Can old dogs teach us new tricks? Scientists are looking for 10,000 pets for the largest study of aging in canines. They hope to shed light on human longevity too.

The project will collect a pile of pooch data: vet records, DNA samples, gut microbes and information on food and walks. Five hundred dogs will test a pill that could slow the aging process.

"What we learn will potentially be good for dogs and has great potential to translate to human health," said project co-director Daniel Promislow, of the University of Washington School of Medicine.

If scientists find a genetic marker for a type of cancer in dogs, for instance, that could be explored in humans.

For the study, the dogs will live at home and follow their usual routine. All ages and sizes, purebreds and mutts are welcome.

Owners will complete periodic online surveys and take their dogs to the vet once a year, with the possibility of extra visits for certain tests. Their welfare will be monitored by a bioethicist and a panel of animal welfare advisers.

To nominate a pet, owners can visit the Dog Aging Project's website.

The five-year study was formally launched Thursday at a science meeting in Austin, Texas. The National Institute on Aging

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Daniel Promislow
project co-director

is paying for the \$23 million project because dogs and humans share the same environment, get the same diseases and dogs' shorter lifespans allow quicker research results, said deputy director Dr. Marie Bernard.

The data collected will be available to all scientists. Leslie Lambert of Parkville, Md., enrolled her 11-year-old rescue dog, Oscar, in an early phase.

"I would selfishly like to have him around forever," said the 33-year-old veterinarian. "Unfortunately, he ages much, much faster than I do."

But she's torn by the prospect of an anti-aging pill because so



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University of Washington School of Medicine researcher Daniel Promislow rubs the head of his elderly dog, Frisbee, at their home in Seattle. Hoping to shed light on human longevity, scientists need 10,000 pet dogs for a study of healthy aging in canines.

many abandoned dogs go without care. "Just because we can, should we?" she asked.

Compared with farm dogs in the past, today's pampered pups live longer and get more geriatric diseases, said veterinarian Kate Creevy, of Texas A&M University, the project's chief scientific officer. Yet no standard measures exist for frailty or prognosis in sick, aged dogs, Creevy said. The project will develop those tools.

One dog year is roughly equal to seven human years, Creevy said, but that varies by breed.

Large dogs have shorter lifespans than smaller dogs. A Great Dane's lifespan is about half that of a toy poodle's.

That makes large dogs better test subjects for the pill. Dogs weighing at least 40 pounds will be eligible for an experiment with rapamycin, now taken by humans to prevent rejection of transplanted kidneys. The drug has extended lifespan in mice.

A small safety study in dogs found no dangerous side effects, said project co-director Matt Kaeberlein, of the University of

Washington.

Human devotion to dogs drives projects like this, the scientists said.

"People love dogs," said Promislow, who normally studies aging in fruit flies. "No one has ever come up to me and said, 'Oh my goodness, I just love fruit flies.'"

Promislow's mixed breed, 14-year-old Frisbee will not participate to prevent a conflict of interest.

"It's too bad because she's a terrific example of a really healthy ager," he said.

Nonprofit looks to clear man executed in Marine's killing

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Sedley Alley was strapped to a gurney and put to death in Tennessee in 2006, convicted of killing a 19-year-old Marine two decades earlier. Alley had confessed to the slaying of Lance Cpl. Suzanne Collins, but later said his confession was coerced.

Now, a nonprofit legal group dedicated to clearing the wrongly convicted hopes DNA evidence may be used to exonerate the man 13 years after his execution.

Since the early 1990s, 22 death row inmates around the U.S. have been absolved of crimes through DNA evidence. If the Innocence Project succeeds with Alley, it will be the first time anyone has used such



Alley

evidence to exonerate a person who has already been executed.

Collins was stationed at the former Memphis Naval Air Station in Millington when she went jogging in a nearby park on the night of July 11, 1985. Her body was discovered early the next day. She had been beaten, raped and mutilated.

Shortly before Alley was led to the execution chamber and given a lethal injection on June 28, 2006, Innocence Project co-founder Barry Scheck helped argue

for DNA evidence testing. But at the time, the request was denied and Alley, who had spent two decades on Tennessee's death row, was put to death at the age of 50.

That might have been the end of the story if Scheck had not received a call earlier this year from investigators in St. Louis. He said they wanted to discuss a possible connection between Collins and Thomas Bruce, who is jailed in Missouri and charged with sexually assaulting two women and killing a third at a Catholic Supply store there about a year ago. Scheck said investigators had told him Bruce attended the same avionic course as Collins.

Scheck reached out to Alley's daughter, April Alley, who agreed to petition for DNA

evidence testing on behalf of her father's estate.

Memphis prosecutors oppose the testing. Shelby County District Attorney Amy Weirich said in an email after the petition was filed that Sedley Alley's case and conviction were repeatedly scrutinized by the courts over 21 years, and his guilt was established with "absolute certainty."

At the hearing last month, Assistant District Attorney Steve Jones argued the state's DNA analysis law allows only the person convicted of the crime to request testing.

Alley was convicted based on "a combination of factors that corroborated his confession," Jones said.

Safety group finds 803 unbelted rear seat passengers died in 2018

Associated Press

DETROIT — More than 800 rear-seat passengers who weren't wearing seat belts were killed last year in U.S. traffic crashes, and a highway safety group says states aren't making enough progress in getting people to buckle up.

The Governors Highway Safety Association says in a report released Monday that more than 400 of the 803 people who died would have survived if they were belted.

The association put out a report in 2015 drawing attention to rear seat belt use. But it says that since

then, only two more states have enacted rear seat belt laws.

The group, which represents state highway safety offices, says 20 states still don't have laws requiring rear belt use. Of the 30 states with laws, it's not a primary offense in 11 states, meaning that police can't stop a car if rear seat

passengers are unbelted.

According to the association, the number of rear seat passengers killed in crashes dropped from 883 in 2013. But surveys have found that rear seat safety belt use dropped from 78% in 2013 to 76% last year.

The federal government is

seeking public comment on a rule requiring automakers to warn drivers if rear passengers aren't belted. The comment period expires on Nov. 26. A law requiring the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to enact the rule was passed by Congress in 2012.

NATION

Weak voters balk at new Dems in 2020 race

By STEVE PEOPLES
Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — The number of Democrats running for president is growing as the first votes of the primary approach. And voters have a clear message: Stop.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick rolled the race last week by launching a surprise bid. New York billionaire Michael Bloomberg is likely to do the same in the coming days.

The late entries, less than 80 days before Iowa's kickoff caucuses, have exposed a fresh gulf in a party already plagued by divisions. On one side are anxious establishment leaders and donors, who are increasingly concerned about the direction of the race and welcome new candidates. On the other are many rank-and-file voters and local officials across early voting Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina who are drowning in candidates and say they're more than satisfied with their current options.

"They need to sit down. We've got enough Democrats running," said Debra Tyus, 63, a Democrat from Waltham, Mass.

In New Hampshire, undecided Democrat Thea Lahti, 75, said it's "awfully late" in the process and fears that adding more candidates is "further splintering the field."

In Iowa, state Rep. Jennifer Konfrst said she hasn't spoken to a single Democrat who felt the current field wasn't good enough.

"The more common refrain revolves around having too many great candidates already," said Konfrst, a first-term lawmaker who's backing Sen. Cory Booker, of New Jersey.

Before Patrick's announcement, at least 16 high-profile Democrats were running for president. The field spans multiple generations, racial backgrounds, political ideologies and levels of experience.

Despite the extraordinary options, establishment-minded Democrats have become increasingly concerned about the direction of the race, seizing on what they see as former Vice President Joe Biden's lackluster candidacy and fears that progressives Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders are too liberal. Underlying their concerns is an almost desperate urgency shared by much of the Democratic Party to find a sure-fire nominee to deny President Donald Trump a second term.

Former President Barack Obama sought to calm establishment anxiety at a weekend donor conference when he reminded attendees of his own turbulent primary battle against Hillary Clinton in 2008. Yet he also seemed to reinforce concerns about the more liberal candidates in the race, warning that "the average American doesn't think we have to completely tear down the system and remake it."

Obama and Patrick have long been friends. They spoke privately in the days before the former Massachusetts governor



ELISE AMENDOLA/AP

Democratic presidential candidate Tom Steyer reaches for a hug as he and his wife, Kat Taylor, chat with people at the Statehouse in Concord after he filed to be placed on New Hampshire's primary ballot on Nov. 12. Steyer said he will spend more than \$100 million if necessary.

Steyer's wealth management skills in use on campaign trail

By STEVE PEOPLES
Associated Press

BLUFFTON, S.C. — Tom Steyer says it's "not possible" to buy the Democratic presidential nomination.

Yet the elderly crowd gathered in the back of the Southern Barrell Brewing Co. in this town near the South Carolina coast sure did appreciate the waitresses offering free iced tea and lemonade as they waited for the wealthy White House hopeful to take the stage. The fried tomatoes and mozzarella sticks were a hit too.

"That's nice of Tom to pick up the drinks," said Terry Temple, 73, an independent who said she doesn't hold Steyer's wealth against him. "He worked hard for what he's got."

Welcome to campaigning with the billionaire who goes by "Tom," a hedge fund manager-turned-liberal activist who's digging deep into his personal fortune in hopes of creating space in the crowded 2020 Democratic primary. He's doing so as wealth itself is under attack as never before in presidential politics in an election in which several candidates — Steyer included — have rallied behind a wealth tax and openly questioned whether billionaires should exist at all.

For now, they do.

Beyond free food and drinks, Steyer has used his wealth to rapidly assemble a sprawling staff across several states that now exceeds 300. He has paid operatives on the ground in at least five Super Tuesday states. And he's blanketing the airwaves with an advertising campaign that's dwarfing his opponents' best efforts.

He entered the race months after most of his competitors, but Steyer has already spent \$4 million more on internet ads than any other Democrat. In an Associated Press interview, Steyer said he's prepared to spend more than the \$100

million he initially pitched toward his presidential ambitions if necessary. Separately, he's said he's still committed to giving at least an additional \$50 million this election cycle to outside groups he helped create, including one devoted to President Donald Trump's impeachment.

What would he say to people who think he's trying to buy the presidency?

"I don't think that's possible," Steyer said, before adding, "I'm never going to apologize for succeeding in business. That's America, right?"

Still, four months after entering the race, he's struggling to break out. And in a matter of days, he may lose his greatest advantage — money — should former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg formally join the race.

Still, Steyer's eyes lit up as he contemplated Bloomberg's likely entrance.

"You know what that says to me? Exactly what I've been saying all along. This race is completely up in the air — seriously," he said.

Steyer's optimism comes amid rising pessimism from Democratic establishment leaders about the strength of former Vice President Joe Biden's 2020 campaign. Steyer, while more liberal than Biden on some measures, is largely committed in the same moderate lane of the Democratic primary because of his business background. And he's betting a significant portion of his fortune that he will be the prime beneficiary should Biden fall.

"I fully admit that we have to build more support between now and Feb. 3 (the date of Iowa's kickoff voting contest), but I think that we're in a great place to do that based on our infrastructure and the fact that we obviously have the resources to sustain a campaign through the early states and beyond," said Steyer campaign manager Heather Hargreaves, a veteran of former President Barack Obama's campaign.

While Patrick may struggle to

By the numbers

74%

Percentage of Democrats and Democratic-leaning voters who are satisfied with the current presidential field

SOURCE: Monmouth University polling data

raise the resources to launch a robust multistate effort in the short term, Bloomberg has a net worth of more than \$50 billion, and he's expressed a willingness to spend whatever's necessary to win.

Bloomberg senior adviser Howard Wolfson said he's aware that many voters and early state officials are pushing back against new candidates.

"I hear it, I respect it, but we do not believe that the current field is particularly well-positioned to take on Donald Trump in November, and we do believe that Mike would be the best candidate to do that," Wolfson said.

"There will be a burden on us to convince people of that. And that is not a burden that we will likely be successful in overcoming on Day 1, but certainly it's one in which we hope to be successful in overcoming as the possible campaign commences."

As Wolfson notes, persuading voters to welcome new faces to a race already bursting with high-profile Democrats will not be easy. In July, the Pew Research Center found that roughly two-thirds of Democratic and Democratic-leaning registered voters had an excellent or good impression of the Democratic presidential candidates as a group. That's dramatically higher than ahead of the 2016 presidential primary between Clinton and Bernie Sanders, when only about half of Democrats had a positive impression of the field.

Voters' level of satisfaction actually increased earlier in the month, according to a Monmouth University poll, which found that 74% of Democrats and Democratic-leaning voters were satisfied with the field; just 16% said they would like someone else to run.

Still, establishment-minded donors have become increasingly worried about their party's top-tier candidates.

Robert Zimmerman, a New York-based donor and member of the Democratic National Committee, said that cocktail parties have essentially turned into therapy sessions for nervous Democrats in recent weeks. He noted, however, that most voters on the ground where it matters most are pleased with the current field.

"We need more Democrats in the field like Tom Brady needs more Super Bowl rings," said Zimmerman, a New York Jets fan.

launched, just as Obama did with several other candidates earlier. A Bloomberg announcement is expected this week as well.

Should he run, the former New York mayor is planning to bypass the early states altogether and focus instead on the group of so-

called Super Tuesday states holding primary contests on the first Tuesday in March.

WORLD

Flood-hit Venice's dwindling population faces rising woes

By COLLEEN BARRY
Associated Press

VENICE, Italy — One of only four makers for Venice's famed gondoliers, Paolo Brandolisio, waded through his ground-floor workshop for the third time in a week of record-breaking floods, despairing of any help from national or local institutions.

"If these phenomena continue to repeat themselves, you have to think about how to defend yourself," he said. "Because the defenses that the politicians have made don't seem to be nearly enough."

Venetians are fed up with what they see as inadequate responses to the city's mounting problems: recurring flooding, environmental and safety threats from cruise ship traffic and the burden on services from overtourism.

They feel largely left to their

own devices, with ever-fewer Venetians living in the historic part of the city to defend its interests and keep it from becoming mainly a tourist domain.

The historic flooding this past week — marked by three floods over nearly 5 feet and the highest in 53 years at 6 feet, 1 inch — has sharpened calls to create an administration that recognizes the uniqueness of Venice, for both its concentration of treasures and its increasing vulnerability.

Flood damage has been estimated at hundreds of millions of euros, but the true scope will only become clear with time. Architectural masterpieces like St. Mark's Cathedral still need to be fully inspected and damaged manuscripts from the Music Conservatory library treated by experts — not to mention the personal losses suffered by thousands of residents and businesses.

"I feel ashamed," said Fabio Moretti, the president of Venice's historic Academy of Fine Arts that was once presided over by Tiepolo and Canova. "These places are left in our custody. They don't belong to us. They belong to humanity. It is a heritage that needs to be preserved."

The frustration goes far beyond the failure to complete and activate 78 underwater barriers that were designed to prevent just the kind of damage that Venice has endured lately. With the system not yet completed or even partially tested after 16 years of work and 5 billion euros, or \$5.5 billion, invested, many are skeptical it will even work.

"This is a climate emergency. This is risk governance of the city," said Jane Da Mosto, an environmental scientist and executive director of the nongovernmental organization "We Are Here Ven-



LUCA BRUNO/AP

Paolo Brandolisio, who makes oars for Venice's gondoliers, stands in his workshop in Venice, Italy, on Sunday.

ice," whose aim it is to keep Venice a living city as opposed to a museum or theme park.

Brandolisio, the oar builder, sees systemic lapses in the official failure of local authorities to organize services immediately for those in need, an absence filled by volunteers. That included both a network of students who helped clear out waterlogged property for those in need and professionals like water-taxi drivers who

offered transport during the emergency.

For now, he is taking matters into his own hands. To protect his bottega where he not only makes oars but carves ornamental oar posts for gondolas or as sculpture, Brandolisio said he will have to consider raising the floor by about 8 inches and buying a pump — precautions he never previously deemed necessary.

"I think I will lose at least two or three weeks of work," he said.



NO HAN GUAN/AP

Protesters scramble over a railing at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University as tear gas fired by the police fills the air in Hong Kong on Monday.

Protesters: Unrest likely to put scheduled local elections at risk

FROM FRONT PAGE

Some protesters defended by ropes from a footbridge to a road below, where they were met by motorbike riders helping them flee as police fired tear gas at them. It was unclear whether they got away safely.

Senior government officials said they were trying to deescalate the situation and urged the protesters to peacefully leave the campus and cooperate with police — advice that seemed certain to lead to arrests and, therefore, strengthened the protesters' resolve to resist.

Local council elections scheduled for Sunday are now at risk of being delayed because of the unrest, said Patrick Nip, Hong Kong's secretary for constitutional affairs. "The situation in the past weekend has obviously reduced the chance of holding the election as scheduled. And I am very anxious about this," Nip said, adding that the government "won't take this step unless absolutely necessary."

Riot officers broke in one entrance before dawn as fires raged inside and outside the school, but they didn't appear to get very far. Fiery explosions could be seen as

protesters responded with gasoline bombs. Police, who have warned that everyone in the area could be charged with rioting, reportedly made a handful of arrests.

The give-and-take has played out repeatedly during the city's months of anti-government unrest. The protesters want to avoid arrest. The police want to pick up as many as they can.

"These rioters, they are also criminals. They have to face the consequences of their acts," said Cheuk Hau-yip, the commander of Kowloon West district, where Polytechnic is located. "Other than coming out to surrender, I don't see, at the moment, there's any viable option for them."

Cheuk said police have the ability and resolve to end the standoff peacefully, so protesters should not "try their luck."

Protesters won on a legal front on Monday when the high court struck down a mask ban imposed by the government last month. The court said it did not consider anti-mask laws unconstitutional in general, but in this case, the law infringed on fundamental rights further than was reasonably necessary.

Yemeni government back in Aden for first time since last summer

Associated Press

ADEN, Yemen — Yemen's internationally recognized government returned to the war-torn country on Monday for the first time since it was forced out by southern separatists during clashes last summer.

Prime Minister Maen Abdulmalik Saad landed in the southern port city of Aden, fulfilling a key point in the power-sharing deal brokered by Saudi Arabia that ended months of infighting with separatists in Yemen's south.

"The government's priorities in the next stage are to normalize the situation in Aden first and then consolidate state institutions on the ground ... as a guarantor of stability," Saad told The Associated Press when he disembarked onto the tarmac.

He described the government's return as "foundational for the improvement of civic

services," but added that "security challenges cannot be overlooked, especially at this stage."

Saad, accompanied by five key ministers from President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi's government, was received by local officials and Saudi forces at the air base.

"Today, we are uniting our efforts to defeat the Iranian project in Yemen and restore the state," the government said in a statement.

In August, the separatists, backed by the United Arab Emirates, overran Aden and drove out forces loyal to Hadi, who has been based in Saudi Arabia since 2015.

The outbreak of violence between nominal partners in the Saudi-led coalition's war against Iran-allied Houthi rebels added a new twist to the country's complex civil war that had further dimmed hopes of an international solution to the conflict.

UAE airline testing fuel-efficient plane

By AYA BATRAWY
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Abu Dhabi's flagship carrier, Etihad Airways, said Monday it is launching one of the world's most fuel-efficient long-haul airplanes, part of a growing industry effort to reduce the environmental and financial costs of flying.

Etihad's "Greenliner" is a Boeing 787 Dreamliner that will depart on its first route from Abu Dhabi to Brussels in January 2020. Etihad CEO Tony Douglas described the aircraft as a flying laboratory for testing that could benefit the entire industry.

With fuel costs eating up about a quarter of airline spending, Douglas said the goal of the Greenliner is to be 20% more fuel-efficient than other aircraft in Etihad's fleet.

"This is not just a box-ticking exercise,"

he told reporters at the unveiling of the initiative at the Dubai Airshow alongside executives from Boeing.

The companies did not detail the technologies that would reduce fuel consumption, but in the past such efforts have focused on using new types of fuel, such as biofuel, or testing lighter materials.

This year, Etihad flew the world's first passenger flight using sustainable biofuel made from a plant that grows in saltwater. It also became the first in the Middle East to operate a flight without any single-use plastics on board to raise awareness of the effects of plastic pollution.

Douglas said the aircraft "not only makes sense economically from a profit and loss account point of view but because it also directly impacts the CO2 because of the fuel burn."

WORLD

Pope's Asia trip to feature pastoral, personal agendas

BY NICOLE WINFIELD
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Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis has agendas both pastoral and personal for his trip to Asia, where he'll appeal for global nuclear disarmament at the sites of the atomic bomb and minister to two tiny Catholic communities that have suffered gruesome periods of persecution.

Emphasizing the dignity of life is also on Francis' to-do list for his trip to Thailand and Japan that begins Wednesday, given the scourge of human trafficking in Thailand and Japan's use of capital punishment and its high suicide rate.

As a young Jesuit, Francis dreamed of being a missionary in Japan, inspired by the courage of Japan's Hidden Christians, who braved two centuries of persecution to keep their faith alive.

"In some way, this is the fulfillment of his dream," said the

Rev. Bernardo Cervellera, editor of AsiaNews, a Vatican-affiliated news service.

In Thailand, Francis will also be reunited with his second cousin, Sister Ana Rose Sivori, an Argentine nun who has lived in Thailand since 1966 and will serve as Francis' official translator there.

One of the highlights of the trip will be Francis' prayer at the memorial of the 26 Nagasaki Martyrs, who were crucified in 1597 at the start of a two-century wave of anti-Christian persecution by Japanese rulers.

Francis' own Jesuit order had introduced Christianity to Japan with the arrival of St. Francis Xavier on the archipelago in 1549. After converting more than a quarter-million Japanese, missionaries were banned at the start of the 17th century. Japanese Christians were forced to renounce their faith, suffer tortuous deaths or go underground.

Francis will greet some de-

scendants of these Hidden Christians, whose story was recounted in the 2016 Martin Scorsese film "Silence."

Francis will also honor Thailand's World War II-era martyrs, who were victims of anti-Christian persecution by Thais who viewed Christianity as foreign and associated with French colonial powers. Francis will pray at the sanctuary for Thailand's first martyred priest, Nicolas Bunkerd Kitbamrang, who was beatified in 2000.

Meanwhile, Francis has gone further than any other pope by saying that not only the use but the mere possession of nuclear weapons is "to be firmly condemned." Japanese bishops are hoping he goes even further and calls for a ban on nuclear power.

Francis will likely repeat his appeal for a total ban on the bomb when he visits Nagasaki and Hiroshima and meets with survivors of the 1945 bombings there as well as victims of the March



SANCHAI LALIT/AP

St. Mary's School Vice Principal Sister Ana Rosa Sivori shows a picture taken with her second cousin, Pope Francis, at the girls' school in Udonthani, Thailand. The pope will visit Thailand this week.

11, 2011, Fukushima nuclear plant disaster in northern Japan.

An offshore magnitude 9 earthquake triggered a tsunami that knocked out power for the cooling systems at the Fukushima nuclear plant, displacing more than 100,000 people and coating the area with radioactive waste. In response, Japanese bishops in 2016 called for the abolition of nuclear power to protect "our common home."

Kuwait's ruler fires 2 warring ministers

KUWAIT CITY — Kuwait's ruler has fired two warring Cabinet ministers at the center of embezzlement allegations and directed the prime minister to form a new government.

Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah issued the decree Monday, just days after Kuwait's Cabinet resigned amid another inquiry.

Al Sabah fired both Defense Minister Nasser Al Sabah and Interior Minister Khaled Al Sabah, who had issued statements against each other. The defense minister says he discovered \$790 million in embezzlement funds in the office while the interior minister served as his predecessor.

The defense minister is seeking his predecessor's prosecution, along with that of five other top defense ministry officials, over the alleged embezzlement.

Russia backs back 3 seized ships to Ukraine

MOSCOW — Russia's Foreign Ministry said three Ukrainian naval ships that were seized in a shooting confrontation nearly a year ago have been returned.

The two gunboats and a tug were taken by the Russian coast guard on Nov. 25, 2018, as they passed through the Kerch Strait that connects the Black Sea with the Azov Sea en route to their homeport in Mariupol.

The Kerch Strait runs between mainland Russia and Russia-annexed Crimea. Russia claimed the ships violated procedures for transiting the strait.

Sri Lanka swears in new president, seeks unity

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — Former defense secretary Gotabaya Rajapaksa was sworn in as Sri Lanka's president on Monday and appealed to minority Tamils and Muslims who voted against him to give their support.

Rajapaksa, who is credited with helping end the country's long civil war, took office on Saturday's presidential election. But minorities feared his election because of allegations of human rights violations against him dating from the war.

Chief Justice Jayantha Jayasuriya administered the oath of office to Rajapaksa at the ancient Ruwanwelisaya Buddhist temple in north-central Sri Lanka.

6 arrested in death of American on island

Police in the Dominican Republic have arrested six men and are looking for an additional suspect in the death of an American teacher who was found dead in her apartment on Nov. 12.

The event brought the resort gem back into the spotlight after a slew of unexplained tourist deaths this year caught international attention, shaking up the country's tourism industry.

Patricia Anton, 63, was tied up and strangled by seven men, a statement by investigative police said.

From wire reports

Samoa shuts schools, declares measles emergency

BY NICK PERRY
Associated Press

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — Samoa has closed all its schools, banned children from public gatherings and mandated that everybody get vaccinated after declaring an emergency due to a measles outbreak that has so far killed six people.

For the past three weeks, the Pacific island nation of 200,000 people has been in the grip of a measles epidemic that has been exacerbated by low immunization rates.

Schools were closed on Monday after the government declared an emergency Saturday. The National University of Samoa told students to stay home and said exams scheduled for this week had been indefinitely postponed.

Health authorities said most of



PAUL VERNON/AP

A measles vaccination is shown. An outbreak of measles in Samoa is being exacerbated by low immunization rates.

those who died were under the age of 2. They counted 716 measles cases reported, with nearly 100 people still hospitalized, including 15 in intensive care.

Samoa Director General of Health Leausa Take Naseri said in a news conference last week that he expects the epidemic will get worse. He said that only about two-thirds of Samoans had been vaccinated, leaving the others vulnerable to the virus.

Figures from the World Health Organization and UNICEF indicate that measles immunization rates among Samoan infants have fallen steeply, from over 70% in 2013 to under 30% last year.

Helen Petousis-Harris, a vaccine expert at New Zealand's University of Auckland, said the Samoan government halted its immunization program for several months last year after two infants died from a medical mishap involving a vaccine.

New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said Monday it was sending 3,000 vaccines

to Samoa as well as nurses and medical supplies.

Ardern said Samoan authorities believe the outbreak was started by a traveler from New Zealand.

"We, of course, have an open flow of people," Ardern said. "But we see our responsibility as supporting Samoa as they deal with the outbreak, and we are doing that actively."

Petousis-Harris said it was disappointing that people in New Zealand who were carrying the virus had traveled to Samoa. She said New Zealand has for years known it has immunity gaps.

"But we didn't deal with the problem," she said.

Tonga, Fiji and New Zealand have also reported outbreaks of measles but on a smaller scale than in Samoa.

China sees 3rd case of bubonic plague after man eats rabbit

Associated Press

BEIJING — China said a man has been diagnosed with bubonic plague after killing and eating a wild rabbit, adding to two plague cases already discovered in the capital, Beijing.

A statement from the health authority in the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region north of Beijing said that as of Saturday, the man, 55, was being treated at a hospital in the city of Huiyuan.

It said investigators found the patient from rural Xilingol

League consumed the rabbit on Nov. 5. The statement said 28 people who had close contact with the man were quarantined but none has run a fever or shown other plague symptoms.

On Nov. 12, two patients, also from Xilingol League, were diagnosed with pneumonic plague in Beijing. No epidemiological association has been found between the two cases.

Plague can be fatal in up to 90% of people infected if not treated, primarily with several types of antibiotics. Pneumonic plague

can develop from bubonic plague and results in a severe lung infection causing shortness of breath, headache and coughing.

China has largely eradicated plague, but occasional cases are still reported, especially among hunters who come into contact with fleas that carry the bacterium. The last major known outbreak was in 2009, when several people died in the town of Ziketan in Qinghai province on the Tibetan Plateau.

China has vastly improved its detection and management of in-

fectious diseases since the 2003 outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, that led to 774 deaths, mostly in China and Hong Kong. Beijing was accused of initially covering up the outbreak and dragging its feet in cooperating with the World Health Organization, allowing the disease to spread outside the country.

This year, African swine fever has devastated pig herds in China and elsewhere in Asia, causing shortages and higher pork prices.

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Ford Mustang SUV starts blitz of electric vehicles

By TOM KRISHER
Associated Press

DEARBORN, Mich. — Ford is unveiling its first all-electric SUV, marking the start of an avalanche of battery-powered vehicles coming from mainstream and luxury automakers during the next two years that industry analysts say will boost electric vehicle sales.

The "Mustang Mach E," which will go at least 230 miles per charge, depending on how it's equipped, was unveiled Sunday night ahead of the Los Angeles Auto Show press days.

There are 18 now for sale in the U.S., and IHS Markit expects that to grow to 80 in 2022, including pickup trucks and SUVs that are in the heart of the American market. Last year, pure electric vehicles made up only 1.5% of new vehicle sales worldwide, and the consulting firm LMC Automotive predicts that will rise to 2.2% this year. In the U.S., electric vehicles were only 1.2% of sales in 2018, and it's expected to be about the same this year.

But automakers see opportunity for growth, and with electric vehicles getting 250 miles or more on a single charge, worries about running out of juice on a daily commute are gone. Because of the added models and increased range, LMC predicts that they will make up 17% of global sales



CARLOS OSORIO/AP

Ford is hoping to score big with the Mustang Mach E SUV for daily drivers. It resembles a Mustang performance car.

and 7% of U.S. sales in 2030.

First-generation electric vehicles, which mainly were retrofitted versions of existing models designed to meet government fuel economy standards, didn't sell well largely because they couldn't travel more than 100 miles between charges. But now, many can go beyond the distance people drive in one day with plenty of cushion.

"Seeing 250 miles as a real thing has been kind of a game-changer in the electric car market," said Jake Fisher, director

of auto testing for Consumer Reports. "There haven't been a lot of choices for a vehicle that really could take the place of a mainstream vehicle. It's a whole different animal now."

Stephanie Brinley, principal auto analyst for IHS Markit, said electric vehicle choices may expand before consumer demand does, but eventually people will buy them.

"The increased number of models with an electric drivetrain will contribute to an increase in sales in the U.S.," she said. "How-

ever, there is likely to be a period where the number of options will increase faster than demand, and sales for each will be relatively low," she said.

While many electrics coming in the next few years are from luxury brands, mainstream brands like Ford, Chevrolet and Toyota also have them on the production schedule. Brands that have announced new models that will go on sale in the next few years include Mercedes-Benz, Audi, Cadillac, Byton, Rivian, Bollinger, Kia, Faraday Future, Volkswagen, Mazda, Tesla, Aston Martin, Polestar and Volvo, according to the Edmunds.com auto pricing site. Edmunds provides content to The Associated Press.

Ford and General Motors have announced plans for all-electric pickups that will compete against gas and diesel trucks that are the top sellers in the U.S.

For Ford, executives realized in 2017 that they had to offer something more exciting for the first of a new generation of electric vehicles. The company last year promised six battery electric vehicles by 2022. It also has partnerships with Volkswagen and startup Rivian to build more.

To sell them, Ford decided to go to the company's strengths: pickups, commercial vans and the high-performance Mustang.

"There are going to be plenty of BEV (battery electric) SUVs on the market. Some will have batteries and double motors and be pretty fast. Some will look really good," said Jason Castriota, the company's brand director for electric vehicles.

"No one can combine all those elements and create something that will cut right through the clutter. Mustang is power."

The five-passenger Mach E sort of resembles a Mustang, and Ford says it comes close to matching the car's performance.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Nov. 19)	\$1.1348
Dollar buys (Nov. 19)	69.8812
British pound (Nov. 19)	\$1.33
Japanese yen (Nov. 19)	106.00
South Korean won (Nov. 19)	1,136.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.2961
Canada (Dollar)	1.3224
China (Yuan)	7.0251
Denmark (Krone)	6.7518
Egypt (Pound)	16.1210
Euro	\$1.1068/6.9035
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.8294
Hungary (Forint)	303.36
Israel (Shekel)	3.4572
Japan (Yen)	108.68
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3037
Norway (Krone)	5.1189
Philippines (Peso)	50.79
Poland (Zloty)	3.88
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7583
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3609
South Korea (Won)	1,167.41
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9878
Thailand (Baht)	30.19
Turkey (Lira)	5.7320

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance. For Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, for nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	4.75
Discount rate	2.25
Federate reserve market rate	3.5
3-month bill	1.53
30-year bond	2.31

Dunkin' bans 'double cup' as it swaps foam for paper

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Dunkin' coffee chain says customers will not be able to get a "double cup" for their iced drinks.

A new campaign focused in Massachusetts and Rhode Island

tells customers they can no longer nest their iced drinks in a second foam cup for extra insulation as the company moves to eliminate its polystyrene cups.

The brand says the double-cup habit was started in New England

and is most common there. By Dec. 1, all the region's stores will swap foam cups for paper ones that the company says are more environmentally friendly.

New ads tell customers that the "double cup is breaking up"

because the chain's relationship with foam isn't sustainable. Cold drinks are being marketed as "iced, delicious and single."

The company says its foam cups will be eliminated worldwide next year.

WEATHER OUTLOOK



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Eagle saved after driver sees it injured in ditch

GA VALDOSTA — Officials said a bald eagle is recovering after a motorist in Georgia spotted the injured bird in a roadside ditch and called authorities for help.

News outlets reported Lowndes County dispatched an animal control officer and a licensed animal trapper to the scene where the eagle was found near the Florida line. They watched over it until a Georgia Department of Natural Resources officer arrived to take it to a veterinarian.

The eagle was taken to the raptor center at Auburn University in Alabama for further rehabilitation.

Visiting team's uniforms stolen before game

OR EUGENE — Police said uniforms were stolen from a visiting Texas university women's basketball team before their match against the University of Oregon.

Texas Southern University's team was in Eugene for a game against the Ducks. Eugene Police said a black duffel bag containing all the uniforms was taken from a downtown hotel conference room.

The team was forced to wear practice uniforms with some players having taped numbers to the back of their maroon tops. Oregon won 69-63.

Police rescue boy who fell through thin ice

IN WINONA LAKE — Police officers, including one who was off duty, rescued an 11-year-old boy who fell through thin ice on an Indiana pond.

Trooper Jacob Bill said he was off duty and driving his Indiana State Police car when he saw Winona Lake police driving with lights and siren on. He followed them to a retention pond and ran into the water to save the boy.

Bill and the boy got tangled in broken ice. Winona Lake Officer Dave Swain then got into the water to help the pair.

The boy was treated at a hospital and released.

Man jailed for punching pregnant girlfriend

PA BETHLEHEM — A man who has fathered 15 children with 14 women is headed to prison for punching his girlfriend in the stomach while she was nine months pregnant with their baby.

Jeffrey Spencer, 41, received a sentence of 14 to 30 years. He was convicted on several charges stemming from the August 2018 attack, including aggravated assault and three counts of intimidating a witness.

Authorities said Spencer repeatedly called the victim from prison and asked her to say she hit herself. They said he also repeatedly told her to lie on the witness stand, but she ignored his requests.



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Planting a tree

Devin Misour, of Aspinwall, Pa., gets help from his son, Grayson, 4, to dig a hole for a tree during an event hosted by Friends of the Riverfront in which volunteers planted about 25 trees along the Eliza Furnace section of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail on Sunday in the Oakland neighborhood of Pittsburgh.

2 indicted after dead cats found inside home

MD BALTIMORE — Baltimore County Police said two residents were indicted after authorities found 74 dead cats and rescued 150 live cats and other animals from a home in Middle River.

The Baltimore Sun reported Garriotti J. Cox, 53, and Pamela Arrington, 51, were indicted on Nov. 4. Both are free after posting \$50,000 bail apiece.

Police spokeswoman Officer Jennifer Peach said officials recovered 76 live cats and 15 dead cats from a shed in an Oct. 9 search. More animals were recovered on Oct. 17 after police obtained a second search warrant.

Floating ice disk spotted on river

ME HAYNESVILLE — A floating disk of ice was spotted in northern Maine, bringing back memories of a large disk that formed last winter that quickly gained international fame.

Chris Gooley said he pulled over near a bridge off Route 2 in Haynesville when he saw someone taking pictures near a bridge.

He stopped and saw a large disk on the Mattawamkeag River.

The formation is reminiscent of

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The number of Hallmark Keepsake ornaments The Henry Ford, a museum in Dearborn, Mich., has acquired from an Indiana collector. The museum complex said the collection includes Christmas, Easter and Halloween miniatures and lighted ornaments. Some will be displayed this holiday season. The entire collection is expected to go on display next year. They were acquired from The Party Shop in Warsaw, Ind., that also was home to the Hallmark Ornament Museum.

an unusually large ice disk measuring about 100 yards across that formed in the Presumpscot River in Westbrook in January.

Westbrook officials said they believed the ice formed in the river where there's a circular current that creates a whirlpool effect.

Deer wanders into Walmart, slips around

OH WOOSTER — A white-tail went retail for a bit when it entered a Walmart store in Ohio.

Patrons in Wooster in northeastern Ohio said the deer was kicking shelves as it walked through the store.

Bert and Dawn Moore encountered the deer after stopping in for a few things. Bert Moore said he grabbed the deer when it grew tired after slipping on the floor and then lay on it to keep it still.

He, another shopper and store

employees helped the animal get out. It disappeared into a field.

Fire destroys barn at historic estate

MA DEDHAM — Authorities said a fire destroyed a more than 100-year-old barn at a historic site in Massachusetts.

The Boston Globe reported that fire crews were called to the Endicott Estate in Dedham and found flames coming through the roof of a wooden 2½-story barn.

Firefighters from multiple departments quickly got the fire under control, but the barn was deemed a total loss. No injuries were reported.

Endicott Estate is a popular wedding venue owned by the town of Dedham. The 18-acre site includes several early 20th-century buildings and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Felon remains on ballot for city council seat

TX HOUSTON — A felon will remain on the ballot in the runoff for a seat on the Houston City Council.

The Houston Chronicle reported that a Harris County judge refused to remove Cynthia Bailey from the Dec. 14 runoff election.

Bailey finished second in the Nov. 5 election to Tarsha Jackson in the 14-person race to replace term-limited Councilman Jerry Davis. Third-place finisher Renee Jefferson-Smith sued to remove Bailey from the ballot because of her conviction in 2007 for theft of more than \$200,000.

Man arrested for arson after 4 fires

OR TIGARD — Police in Oregon arrested a man suspected of starting four fires in one day.

Tigard Police said Joseph Tyler Martinez, 26, was arrested for arson.

Police said the first fire caused serious damage to the outside of a business. A second fire burned a trash bin at a shelter, while a third small fire caused minor damage to a fence. There was no damage from the fourth fire.

From wire reports

FACES



Trump to award national honors to celebrities, military musicians

Associated Press

Oscar-winning actor Jon Voight, singer and musician Alison Krauss and mystery writer James Patterson are among the artists and philanthropists being honored by President Donald Trump for their contributions to the arts or the humanities, the first recipients of prestigious national medals since Trump took office.

The White House announced four recipients of the National Medal of Arts and four of the National Humanities Medal in a statement Sunday night. Voight is one of Trump's few vocal Hollywood backers, and has hailed him as "the greatest president of this century." Trump is also honoring the musicians of the U.S. military, who frequently entertain at White House events.

Trump will award the medals during a ceremony at the White House on Thursday.

While the honors had been an annual affair during past administrations, they have not been awarded since Trump's inauguration in January 2017. The most recent arts or humanities medals were bestowed by President Barack Obama in September 2016.

'Ford v Ferrari' No. 1; 'Charlie's Angels' fizzles

"Ford v Ferrari" left its competition in the rearview, racing to a \$31 million debut at the box office in a No. 1 finish that counted as a win for big-budget originality.

James Mangold's racing drama rode into the weekend with strong reviews and Oscar buzz for its leads, Christian Bale and Matt Damon. The film dramatizes the Ford Motor Co.'s push to unseat perennial power Ferrari at France's 24-hour Le Mans race in 1966.

"Elizabeth Banks' 'Charlie's Angels' reboot starring Kristen Stewart, Naomi Scott and Ella Balinska opened below expectations with \$8.6 million domestically and \$19.3 million overseas, according to studio estimates Sunday. Though the movie was relatively modestly budgeted at \$48 million, it fell well short of the \$40.1 million debut of the 2000's 'Charlie's Angels' with Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore and Lucy Liu. The 2003 sequel opened similarly with \$37.6 million.)

In its second week, the World War II movie "1917" edged "Angels" with \$8.8 million.

"The Good Liar," a mystery starring Helen Mirren and Ian McKellen, was the weekend's other new wide release. It managed a modest \$5.7 million.

Grande tells fans she's struggling with illness

Singer Ariana Grande is telling her fans that she has a bad sinus condition that has made her "very sick" and might force her to cancel upcoming shows.

Grande, 26, says in videos posted Nov. 16 on Instagram that "my throat and head are still in so

much pain."

While she sounds OK, "I'm just in a lot of pain and it's difficult to breathe during the show," she says in a message to her fans. "I just really don't know what's happening with my body right now and need to figure it out."

She adds: "I'm scared that I might have to cancel some things, so this is kind just a heads up of like I don't know what's happening with my body, and I'm really disappointed and freaked out of why I can't get better because it's been over three weeks at this point."

Swift says she might not perform at AMAs

Taylor Swift said Nov. 14 that she might not perform at the American Music Awards and might have to put other projects including a forthcoming Netflix documentary on hold because the men who own her old recordings won't allow her to play her songs.

"Right now my performance at the AMAs, the Netflix documentary and any other recorded events I am planning to play until November 2020 are a question mark," Swift said on Twitter and Instagram.

Swift said she had planned to play a medley of her hits when she's named Artist of the Decade at the American Music Awards on Nov. 24, but the men who own the music, Scooter Braun and Scott Borchetta, are calling the television performance an illegal re-recording.

"I just want to be able to perform MY OWN music. That's it," Swift said. "I've tried to work out this on privately through my team but have not been able to resolve anything."

The Big Machine Label Group said in a statement Nov. 15 that "at no point did we say Taylor could not perform on the AMAs or block her Netflix special. In fact, we do not have the right to keep her from performing live anywhere."

Other news

■ Black Eyed Peas musician will.i.am has accused a flight attendant from Australia's national carrier Qantas by name on Twitter of being racist and rude to him on a flight. Qantas said in a statement it rejected the allegation that the incident had anything to do with race and said it was a "misunderstanding."

■ At age 7, Britney Carter is an award-winning songwriter. Jay-Z and Beyoncé's daughter won the Ashford & Simpson Songwriter's Award at Sunday's Soul Train Awards for co-writing her mom's hit "Brown Skin Girl," a song celebrating dark-skinned women. On Nov. 16, Britney Carter gives a vocal performance that opens and closes the song.

■ British photographer Terry O'Neill, whose images captured London's Swinging '60s and who created iconic portraits of Elton John, Brigitte Bardot and Winston Churchill, died Nov. 16 at age 81 after a long battle with cancer.

Not a 'nostalgia thing'

Actor/co-creator Paul Reiser says 'Mad About You' revival trying to capture a timeless vibe, not a return to 1999

By JAMI GANZ
New York Daily News

It's a mad, mad, mad, mad world.

When "Mad About You" took its final bow in 1999, stars Paul Reiser and Helen Hunt had no intention of reprising their roles as spouses Paul and Jamie Buchman.

After 20 years though, the pair will reunite in their beloved roles on Nov. 20 when a revival of the same name premieres on Spectrum's On Demand platform.

"We don't think of this as a nostalgia thing," Reiser, who co-created the original sitcom, told the Daily News.

And though the original series, which ran from 1992 to 1999, was part of NBC's acclaimed comedy lineup of the time (including "Seinfeld" and "Friends"—both of which participated in "Mad" crossovers), Reiser, 62, is adamant they're "not trying to bring it back to 1999. We're not trying to go back to anything."

"The hope is that it's sort of timeless and that it's not confined to any period or anything topical," he said.

The '90s iteration saw the couple adjusting to married life in the months following their wedding. Now, viewers will see them adjusting to a semi-empty nest, Hunt says, while their 18-year-old daughter Mabel (Abby Quinn) is living at New York University ... five blocks away.

"The idea (for the original) was the hoopla from the wedding died down ... now what? And the series was sort of an answer to that," Hunt, 56, told The News alongside her costar. "This season is all about the hoopla around getting your kid off to school, and then you look at each other and say, 'Now what?'"

When the original concluded, Mabel was just a toddler, and the finale offered out-of-order flashbacks with the adult Mabel, played by Janeane Garofalo, narrating the trio's life over the coming decades—including a temporary separation for Paul and Jamie.

"We aren't pretending any of it didn't happen," Hunt said.

"In this particular moment where we're jumping in, it's when we are absolutely together," Reiser confirmed, though he noted, "What we alluded to in the finale, that over the course of their happy together forever, happily ever after, there were moments where it wasn't going great ... those still happen."

But fear not.

"I always believed that those separations were not long," Reiser added. "I don't think Paul or Jamie ever thought they were really going to break up ... They always come back to knowing that they should be together."

Their daughter, Reiser says, "is the best and worst of her parents."

"We never made ... Paul and Jamie 'The Odd Couple,'" he explained. "They each have a little bit of everything at any given moment. And that's the same here."

And while Reiser says he and Hunt have remained close the past two decades and totally at ease getting back in the groove, Paul and Jamie have more navigating to do, "because they're not the same people."

The show deals with issues, Hunt says, "like how untenable it is to love a kid so much and how really untenable it is to be expected to fall back in love with your partner when they haven't been your number one priority."

Ultimately, Hunt says, the story tries to determine "how you learn how to be together when the people you used to be don't exist anymore."

The show is billed as a 12-episode limited series, but the duo isn't ruling out a continuation.

"We've been wrong about everything," said Reiser, pointing to their previous reluctance about a revival. "I don't think either of us would have done this if they said, 'We need you for three years or seven years.' ... It's not impossible. We would never say it's impossible again. But the idea was ... let's just do a little visit and see how that goes."

Paul Reiser and Helen Hunt return for more "Mad About You," a television show that originally ran on NBC from 1992-99. The two are now married and adjusting to a somewhat empty nest.

Sony Pictures Television

SHIFTING GEARS



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Plenty of power in 1st diesel-fueled Wrangler

By MARK PHELAN

Detroit Free Press

There's never been a diesel-powered Jeep Wrangler before, but after 20 minutes behind the wheel of the new 2020 Wrangler EcoDiesel, it's hard not to ask yourself, "What took 'em so long?"

Developing 442 pound-feet of torque at just 1,400 rpm, the 3.0L diesel V6 is a natural for clambering over boulders and through soft sand — just what Wrangler owners love. Add surprisingly quiet operation and an expected 30% improvement in fuel economy — it should approach, maybe achieve, 30 mpg on the highway — and it's easy to foresee the EcoDiesel becoming the premier Wrangler powertrain.

I spent a day driving Wrangler EcoDiesels on highways, country roads and on rugged canyon trails in southern Utah.

The diesel provided plenty of power and proved as adept at fast highway cruising as scaling rock.

Farmers and other folks who tow heavy loads like diesel because the engines develop plenty of torque at low engine speeds. Torque is the twisting force that turns a vehicle's wheels.

Generating lots of it at 1,400 engine rpm, like FCA's third-generation EcoDiesel does, means you don't have to rev the engine madly to pull a heavy load; smooth

steady pressure on the accelerator does the trick. That trait is just as useful when you're easing over a rockfall as it is when you're hauling a horse trailer.

Add the Wrangler's rugged suspension, 70:1 crawl ratio and off-road tires, and the EcoDiesel made easy work of grades up to 30 degrees, loose rock and soft sand.

The Wrangler has a 44-degree approach

angle. That's the steepest incline the vehicle can take without scraping its front bumper. Its departure angle, the maximum incline it can drive off without scraping the rear, is 37 degrees.

Official EPA fuel economy ratings are expected any day, but Jeep executives promise more than 500-mile highway range, enough for a day's off-roading and a long ride home. I averaged a shockingly good 35.6 mpg in several hours of on-road driving.

The diesel's 18.3-gallon fuel tank is smaller than gas models because the Jeep has a 5.1-gallon tank of urea to treat its exhaust. Drivers should need to refill the urea only every 10,000 miles.

One of the trade-offs for diesel's power and fuel economy is generally noise and vibration. The engines are inherently louder and shakier than a comparable gasoline engine.

Jeep engineers used hydraulic engine mounts to keep vibration from reaching the passenger compartment — even when the engine auto-stopped to save fuel at traffic lights. New carpet and sound-deadening foams between engine and occupants locked out most noise, even driving in a soft-top Wrangler.

The ride was smooth at up to 80 mph on paved roads.

The diesel is available across the Wrangler lineup. It's not cheap, a \$3,250 premi-

um over the 3.6L V6 and \$4,500 more than the base 2.0L turbocharged four-cylinder.

Jeep will offer the diesel only with four-door Wranglers with four-wheel drive and an eight-speed automatic transmission. The four-door Wrangler, called the Wrangler Unlimited when it debuted, accounts for 90% of Wrangler sales.

The 2020 Jeep Wrangler EcoDiesel should be in dealerships any day. The least expensive diesel Wrangler will cost \$32,290.

While you can get a base Wrangler with the diesel, executives expect most will be high-end Sahara or Rubicon models.

If you check every box on the option sheet, it'll be possible to drop about \$62,000 on a Wrangler EcoDiesel.

Jeep reworked its 3.0L V6 significantly compared with the version that just debuted in the Ram 1500 pickup with changes that included sealing for water fording and sound insulation.

The EcoDiesel weighs about 400 pounds more than a comparable Wrangler with a gasoline V6. About 375 pounds of that is because of the engine, which, among other differences, has an iron block that's heavier than the gasoline engine's block and is needed to deal with the higher stress on a diesel.

2020 Wrangler EcoDiesel



Base price: \$32,290

Engine: 3.0L turbo diesel V6

Horsepower: 260 at 3,600 rpm

Transmission: Eight-speed automatic

Towing capacity: 5,500 pounds

Wheelbase: 188.4 inches

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OPINION

Putin just offstage in impeachment drama

By DOYLE McMANUS
Los Angeles Times

WHEN the impeachment inquiry opened in September, it centered on a single question: Did President Donald Trump block U.S. military aid to muscle Ukraine into investigating Joe Biden and others, and risk national security to boost his reelection campaign?

The evidence is steadily mounting that he did. Now the scandal is expanding. It has intersected with the federal prosecution of two Soviet-born associates of Trump's buccaneering personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, for allegedly funneling Russian money into a U.S. political campaign. It has revealed further Russian influence in our politics, the exploitation of Moscow-style disinformation to take down a respected U.S. ambassador and smear a potential Democratic rival to Trump. Most important, it has begun to feature a shadowy figure who always seems to be just offstage: Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Russia was repeatedly invoked on Friday by Marie Yovanovitch, the former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine, when she recounted Giuliani's successful campaign to get her ousted from Kyiv — apparently because her anti-corruption efforts there got in the way of his clients' business.

"How is it that foreign corrupt interests could manipulate our government?" she asked during a day of riveting testimony before the House Intelligence Committee. "Which country's interests are served when the very corrupt behavior we have been criticizing is allowed to prevail?"

She answered her own question. "Such conduct undermines the U.S. ... and widens the playing field for autocrats like President Putin," she said.

This week, Putin may move onto center

stage when the House committee questions Fiona Hill, a former CIA analyst who worked inside the Trump White House for more than two years. Hill is a leading authority on Putin. She was hired by Trump's first national security adviser, Michael Flynn, and kept on by Flynn's successors, H.R. McMaster and John Bolton. All three quit or were pushed out.

But Hill remained the White House's top Putinologist until she resigned in July. She's not a "never Trumpster."

And what she has to say is chilling. "Corruption is our Achilles' heel," she told the House committee in her closed-door deposition last month. "Corruption is the way President Putin and other nefarious actors, be they from China, Iran or North Korea, access our system."

Putin has been trying to compromise influential Americans since the 1970s, when he began his KGB career as a case officer in Leningrad, she said.

She did not charge that Putin had succeeded in compromising Trump. But she said Trump's history as a businessman who spent years trying to land a real estate project in Moscow put him in Putin's sights long ago.

"It's what Putin did," she said. "They went after American businessmen and set up sting operations."

We know that Russian intelligence escalated its operations on U.S. soil during the 2016 election. But Hill says Putin not only targeted Trump, but "was targeting all of the other candidates."

Her larger point is clear: We have failed to adequately protect our political system by using voting systems that are vulnerable to hacking, and by allowing foreign disinformation to corrupt our social media and political debates.

"By not closing down our act, (we have) given them the doors which they can walk through and mess up our system,"

she told the House committee. "The Russians can't exploit corruption if there's not corruption."

This will be an unwelcome message for Trump, who says Ukraine interfered in the 2016 election to help Hillary Clinton. No evidence of that hallucinatory claim has emerged.

Instead, the U.S. intelligence community and a special counsel investigation concluded that Putin authorized the hacking of Democratic Party computers and conducted a massive disinformation operation on social media, all to help Trump.

Trump has dismissed the overwhelming evidence of Russian meddling. Instead, he has embraced the bizarre narrative that someone in Ukraine is hiding a computer server containing all the evidence.

That, says Hill, is "a conspiracy theory." Even worse, it's a conspiracy theory that serves the interests of Putin and wants to drive a wedge between the U.S. and Ukraine, a U.S. ally that is fighting a Russia-backed insurgency.

Ever since his election, Trump has insisted he won the White House fair and square and charges of foreign meddling on his behalf were invented by his enemies.

His actions toward Russia have been contradictory and baffling. Trump has been indulgent, even deferential toward Putin, while official U.S. policy considers Russia one of America's main adversaries.

No one has determined whether the president's fawning relationship with Putin drives him to ignore or downplay the charge that he was put in office with the Kremlin's help, or something more sinister. But if the question is who has benefited from Trump's actions, in Ukraine and elsewhere, the answer has been depressingly constant: Vladimir Putin.

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Get ready for impeachment and a primary campaign

By DAVID VON DREHLE

The Washington Post

"We noticed him ordering a heck of a lot more salads."

So says Faiz Shakir of Sen. Bernie Sanders, the Vermont independent whose recent heart attack has perplexed some voters in the Democratic primaries. As manager of the Sanders campaign, Shakir wants to reassure those voters that a 78-year-old candidate is in it for the long haul, even if that means munching kale. In addition to taking long walks and wearing natty sweaters, the rumpold revolutionary is being advised to comb his hair occasionally in the effort to project a robust glow.

But now it appears the senator's vigor won't be tested as sternly as anticipated. Sanders is likely to spend much of the primary crunch time in a comfortable chair along with five of his fellow candidates whose day jobs are in the U.S. Senate. Republicans control the Senate schedule, and they have figured out that a mile long, polarizing impeachment trial will drain time and attention away from the Democratic hopefuls while keeping President Donald Trump squarely in the spotlight.

The seemingly inevitable trial — rules for which will also be set by the Republican majority — will do more for Sanders than a bushel of salad greens. His base is smaller

than it was when the race began, but it's all muscle. He has raised more money and draws bigger crowds than his competitors, which makes him a factor — though not a favorite — as far as long as he remains viable. And health permitting, Sanders is viable until Sen. Elizabeth Warren drives him from the race. One of those two will carry the banner of the Democratic left.

Parking Warren in Washington as an impeachment juror disarms her most potent weapon: her campaign chops. Folks who have only seen the Massachusetts senator on television might be surprised at her warmth and charm on the stump — qualities multiplied by the discipline and competence of her field staff. Given enough days in the retail politics of Iowa and New Hampshire, Warren is a good bet to beat Sanders two out of two, which would be devastating to his claim on the left.

The longer Warren is battling Sanders in a bidding war for the left, the more extreme her positions will likely become. Already, she has tripled her proposed wealth tax on billionaires. Her swings to the left create a more running room for a centrist alternative.

A long trial makes it less likely that former Vice President Joe Biden will be that alternative. Republicans will surely use their power over the Senate rules to allow the president's defenders to put Biden's son Hunter Biden on that board of directors. Hunter Biden was on that board of directors front and center. They'll take the picture painted by the opening witnesses in the House impeachment hearings — of a luridly corrupt Ukraine with the gas company Burisma snout-deep in the public treasury — and demand to know why Hunter Biden was on that board of directors. That's not what the Biden campaign

wants to be talking about.

The trial also hurts Amy Klobuchar, Cory Booker and Michael Bennet, senators from Minnesota, New Jersey and Colorado, respectively. These aspiring alternatives to Biden need time on the trail and attention from the media if they are to make a breakthrough. Instead, they'll be sitting glumly at their desks as the days tick by.

Is anyone helped? With his message of healing, Pete Buttigieg, the 37-year-old mayor of South Bend, Ind., will perhaps get a better shot at the White House. But Buttigieg's productive spectacle in Washington, Or maybe the entrepreneur Andrew Yang. Viewed that way, it begins to make sense that former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick has decided to hop into the race.

So far, the cycle has not been kind to governing Democrats. But the cycle has been kind to a couple of advantages, and the trial might give him room to deploy them.

First, there's New Hampshire. The Granite State is full of people who get their paychecks and their local news from south of the border, in Massachusetts. As a two-term governor, Patrick is already well known and relatively popular. And second: A strong showing in New Hampshire would make Patrick a viable alternative to Biden for the support of South Carolina's powerful black voting bloc. Put those two together, and he's in business.

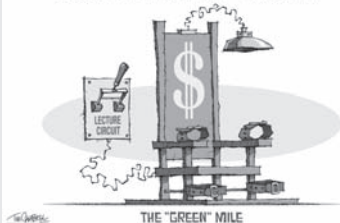
I'm likely wrong about some of these thoughts and may be wrong about all of them. But the fact that they're thinkable at all is a measure of how disruptive impeachment can be.

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NHL/COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NHL roundup

Karlsson, Fleury lead Vegas in win over Calgary

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — William Karlsson had his third straight multi-point game, Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 34 shots for his league high-tying 10th victory this season and the Vegas Golden Knights beat the Calgary Flames 6-0 on Sunday night.

Fleury, who improved to 14-1 all-time against Calgary, got his fifth career shutout against the Flames and 58th all time, which moved him into a tie for 19th in NHL history with Jon Ross Roach.

Karlsson had two goals and an assist, giving him seven goals and seven assists over the last 11 games for Vegas and a team-leading 23 points.

Paul Stastny, Max Pacioretty and Cody Eakin also scored for Vegas, while defenseman Nate Schmidt had four assists, a new career-high for the defenseman for points in a game.

Cam Talbot made 31 saves to drop to 1-5-0 this season for Calgary, which has never won inside T-Mobile Arena.

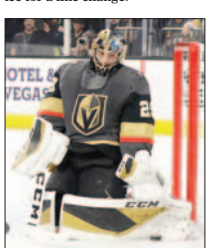
Blackhawks 4, Sabres 1: Patrick Kane extended his goal-scoring streak to six games, and host Chicago got its fourth straight win.

Kirby Dach scored twice as the resurgent Blackhawks improved to 6-1-1 in their last eight games. Jonathan Toews added his fourth of the season, and Corey Crawford made 33 saves.

Kane has eight goals and nine assists during a nine-game point streak.

Jack Eichel scored his fifth goal in two days, but banged-up Buffalo lost for the seventh time in eight games. Carter Hutton had 23 saves.

The Sabres played without forward Kyle Okposo, who left the previous game with a possible head injury. Okposo accidentally collided with Ottawa defenseman Ron Hainsey after he got on the ice for a line change.



ISAAC BREKREIN/AP

Golden Knights goalie Marc-Andre Fleury makes a save against the Calgary Flames in Las Vegas on Sunday.

NHL scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
Boston	20	12	3	5	29	70 53
Montreal	20	11	5	4	26	72 62
Florida	20	10	5	5	25	74 74
Buffalo	20	10	7	3	23	59 59
Toronto	22	9	9	4	22	71 77
Tampa Bay	17	9	6	2	20	64 59
Ottawa	20	8	11	1	17	55 66
Detroit	22	7	12	3	17	51 82

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	22	15	3	4	34	84	67
N.Y. Islanders	18	14	3	1	29	58	42
Carolina	20	12	7	1	25	70	59
Pittsburgh	20	11	7	2	24	67	50
Philadelphia	20	10	6	4	24	61	60
N.Y. Rangers	18	8	8	2	18	60	66
New Jersey	19	7	8	4	18	50	69
Columbus	19	7	8	4	18	45	63

Western Conference

	Central Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	21	12	4	5	29	62	61
Colorado	20	12	6	2	26	73	59
Winnipeg	21	12	8	1	25	59	64
Dallas	21	11	8	2	24	55	52
Chicago	20	9	7	4	22	61	59
Nashville	19	9	7	3	21	70	66
Minnesota	20	7	11	2	16	53	69

Pacific Division

Edmonton	22	13	6	3	29	71	61
Arizona	21	12	7	2	26	61	49
Vancouver	21	10	7	4	24	69	59
Vegas	22	10	9	3	23	68	65
Calgary	23	10	10	3	23	60	70
Anaheim	21	10	9	2	22	57	59
San Jose	21	10	10	1	21	63	73

Notes: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild card per conference advance to playoffs.

Saturday's games

Carolina 4, Minnesota 3, OT	
Arizona 3, Calgary 0	
Dallas 5, Edmonton 4, OT	
Los Angeles 4, Vegas 3	
Winnipeg 4, Tampa Bay 3	
Buffalo 4, Ottawa 2	
Florida 4, N.Y. Rangers 3	
N.Y. Islanders 4, Philadelphia 3, SO	
Pittsburgh 6, Toronto 1	
Washington 3, Boston 2, SO	
New Jersey 4, Montreal 3, OT	
Anaheim 4, St. Louis 2	
Chicago 7, Nashville 2	
Colorado 5, Vancouver 4, OT	
San Jose 4, Detroit 3, SO	

Sunday's games

Vegas 6, Calgary 0	
Chicago 4, Buffalo 1	
Monday's games	
Anaheim at Washington	
Los Angeles at Arizona	
Tuesday's games	
Montreal at Columbus	
Philadelphia at Florida	
N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh	
Minnesota at Buffalo	
Boston at New Jersey	
Ottawa at Detroit	
Tampa Bay at St. Louis	
Winnipeg at Nashville	
Carolina at Chicago	
Vancouver at Dallas	
Colorado at Calgary	
Toronto at Vegas	
Edmonton at San Jose	
Wednesday's games	
Ottawa at Montreal	
Washington at N.Y. Rangers	

Sunday

Golden Knights 6, Flames 0						
Calgary	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vegas	1	1	1	1	4	6

First Period:—1, Vegas, Karlsson 7 (Schmidt, Smith), 10:47.

Second Period:—2, Vegas, Stastny 6 (Thurmond, Schmidt), 14:25, 5, Vegas, MaStone 9 (Pacioretty), 15:09 (pp), 6, Vegas, Karlsson 8 (McNabb, Schmidt), 17:28.

Shots on Goal—Calgary: 13-12-9=34. **Vegas:** 11-13-17=41.

Power-play opportunities—Calgary: 0 of 2. **Vegas:** 1 of 3.

Goalies—Calgary: Talbot 1-5-0 (37 shots—31 saves). **Vegas:** Fleury 10-5-1 (34-34).

—A-18083 (17,367). T-2=36.

Blackhawks 4, Sabres 1

Blackhawks 4, Sabres 1						
Buffalo	0	0	1	1	2	4
Chicago	1	1	1	2	4	1

First Period:—1, Chicago, Dach 4 (Kubalik, Shaw), 15:43.

Second Period:—2, Chicago, Dach 5 (Smith, Maatta), 12:32.

Third Period:—3, Chicago, Kane 11, 3:42 (pp), 4, Chicago, Toews 4 (Saad, Seabrook), 8:57, 5, Chicago, Toews 13, 9:38.

Shots on Goal—Buffalo: 13-11-10=34. **Chicago:** 10-10-7=27.

Power-play opportunities—Buffalo: 0 of 4; **Chicago:** 1 of 5. **Hutton:** 6-4-2 (37 shots—23 saves). **Crawford:** 4-4-2 (34-33).

—A-21334 (19,717). T-2=26.



JESSICA HILL/AP

Connecticut's Alterique Gilbert (3) shoots past Florida's Omar Payne on Sunday during the first half of the Huskies' 62-59 upset victory over the 15th-ranked Gators in Storrs, Conn.

Top 25 roundup

UConn upsets No. 15 Florida

Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. — Christian Vital scored 15 points and made a key late steal and UConn upset No. 15 Florida 62-59 on Sunday.

Tyler Polley also scored 15 points, and Josh Carlton added 13 for the Huskies (2-1).

A layup by Florida's Keyonte Johnson with just over a minute to go cut the lead to 60-59, but those would be the last points the Gators scored. Vital hit two free throws with 17 seconds left and Florida had a chance to tie. But Alterique Gilbert tipped the ball out of Johnson's hands and Vital grabbed it and dribbled away.

Kerry Blackshear Jr. had 15 points and eight rebounds for Florida (2-2).

No. 4 Louisville 87, North Carolina Central 58: Jordan Nwora scored 17 points and the host Cardinals routed the Eagles.

Louisville (4-0) once again had the hot hand on offense. The Cardinals entered the game ninth in the country in shooting at 54.1%, and they shot 66.7% against North Carolina Central. It marked the fifth time in the past decade Louisville shot better than 60 percent from the floor, and was its best shooting effort since making 65.2% in an 80-68 victory at Pittsburgh on Jan. 25, 2015.

Nwora needed only 21 minutes to do his damage as coach Chris Mack had a chance to play 11 players in the blowout. Steven Enoch made 7-of-9 shots to add 15 points. Dwayne Sutton scored 12 points on 5-of-6 shooting, and Darius Perry was perfect on four shots for 10 points and seven assists.

Randy Miller Jr. led the Eagles (1-3) with 15 points



JEFF ROBERTSON/AP

The Billikens' Yuri Collins (1) collides with the Pirates' Myles Powell on Sunday in St. Louis. Seton Hall won 83-66.

No. 12 Seton Hall 83, Saint Louis 66: Myles Powell scored 26 points and Sandro Mamukelashvili added 17 in the Pirates' victory over the visiting Billikens.

No. 18 Saint Mary's 79, Cal Poly 48: At Moraga, Calif., Jordan Ford scored 21 points, Malik Fitts added 12 and the Gaels beat the Mustangs.

Quincy McKnight added 12 points to help Seton Hall (3-1) rebound from a 76-73 loss to No.3 Michigan State on Thursday night.

Hasahn Frnech led Saint Louis with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

Seton Hall scored the first 10 points and led 18-3 after 7:09. The Pirates made seven straight shots during the early blitz. Saint Louis got no closer than eight points the rest of the way.

No. 14 Oregon 67, Texas Arlington 47: Payton Pritchard scored 24 points to lead the host Ducks in a ragged victory.

The senior guard also led Oregon (4-0) with eight rebounds and three assists.

Jordan Phillips led the Mavericks (2-2) with 14 points. They shot 23.4% from the field.

No. 18 Saint Mary's 79, Cal Poly 48: At Moraga, Calif., Jordan Ford scored 21 points, Malik Fitts added 12 and the Gaels beat the Mustangs.

Saint Mary's (3-1) hasn't lost to Cal Poly since Nov. 26, 2006.

Tuukka Jaakkola scored 13 points to lead the Mustangs (1-3).

No. 19 Arizona 83, New Mexico State 53: Zeke Naji did not miss a shot for the second straight game while scoring 19 points, Jemari Baker added 16 points and the host Wildcats rolled over the depleted Aggies.

Arizona (4-0) took advantage of short-handed New Mexico State (2-2) to be at their free-flowing offensive best, shooting 53%.

Jabari Rice had 14 points to lead the Aggies.

NBA



Rich PEDRONCELLI/AP

Boston Celtics forward Jayson Tatum, left, challenges the shot of Kings guard Buddy Hield during the first half on Sunday in Sacramento, Calif. The Kings won 100-99.

Roundup

Kings beat streaking Celtics

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Buddy Hield scored a season-high 35 points, Richaun Holmes hit two free throws with 13.3 seconds remaining to give Sacramento the lead, and the Kings snapped the Boston Celtics' 10-game winning streak with a 100-99 victory Sunday.

Marcus Smart had a chance to win it for Boston, but his runner in the lane hung on the rim before trickling off as the buzzer sounded.

Harrison Barnes added 13 points and Bogdan Bogdanovic had 12 points and 10 assists for the Kings.

Jaylen Brown scored 18 points and Kemba Walker had 15 for Boston. Jayson Tatum and Daniel Theis each added 14. The Celtics lost for the first time since their Oct. 23 opener at Philadelphia.

Lakers 122, Hawks 101: LeBron James scored 12 of his 33 points during a breathtaking opening nine minutes for host Los Angeles, which raced to a 25-point lead and handed Atlanta its second ugly loss in 24 hours at Staples Center.

Trae Young scored 31 for the Hawks, who were routed 150-101 on Saturday night by the Clippers.

Nuggets 131, Grizzlies 114: Jamal Murray rebounded from a poor shooting night with a season-best 39 points in visiting Denver's victory over Memphis.

Paul Millsap had 23 points and Juancho Hernangomez finished with 15 to help Denver win for the sixth time in seven games. Jaren Jackson Jr. led Memphis with 22 points, hitting a career-high five



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The Lakers' LeBron James shoots under pressure from the Atlanta Hawks' DeAndre Bembry, left, on Sunday in Los Angeles.

three-pointers.

Magic 125, Wizards 121: Nikola Vucevic had 30 points and 17 rebounds and Evan Fournier added 25 points and nine assists to help host Orlando hold off Washington.

Markelle Fultz scored 19 points and Terrance Ross had 15 in Orlando's fourth win in five games.

Bradley Beal had 34 points and eight assists for Washington. C.J. Miles had 21 points, and Davis Bertans 15. The Wizards have lost four of their last five.

Pelicans 108, Warriors 100: J.J. Redick scored 26 points, hitting his sixth three-pointer of the game from the left corner with

1.09 left, and New Orleans beat visiting Golden State.

Jrue Holiday had 22 points despite a difficult night shooting and also had nine assists and eight rebounds.

Eric Paschall scored 30 points for injury-depleted Golden State. The Warriors have lost seven in row to fall to an NBA-worst 2-12.

76ers 114, Cavaliers 95: Tobias Harris scored 27 points; Joel Embiid had 14 and Philadelphia routed host Cleveland.

Collin Sexton had 17 points for Cleveland. The Cavaliers nearly pulled off an upset in Philadelphia on Tuesday night before falling 98-97.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division			
	W	L	Pct GB
Boston	10	3	.833 4
Toronto	8	4	.667 2
Philadelphia	6	6	.500 4
Brooklyn	5	7	.417 5
New York	10	2	.714 1

Southeast Division			
	W	L	Pct GB
Miami	9	3	.750 1
Orlando	6	4	.600 2
Charlotte	7	4	.632 3
Atlanta	4	7	.364 5
Washington	8	7	.538 4

Central Division			
	W	L	Pct GB
Milwaukee	10	3	.769 1
Indiana	7	6	.538 2
Oklahoma City	4	6	.400 3
Detroit	7	4	.636 2
Chicago	4	9	.308 5

Western Conference

Southwest Division			
	W	L	Pct GB
Houston	10	3	.769 1
Dallas	7	5	.583 2½
Memphis	6	8	.429 4
San Antonio	5	8	.385 5
New Orleans	8	3	.727 1

Northwest Division			
	W	L	Pct GB
Denver	9	3	.750 1
Utah	4	6	.400 3
Minnesota	7	6	.538 2
Oklahoma City	4	6	.400 3
Portland	5	8	.385 4½

Pacific Division			
	W	L	Pct GB
L.A. Lakers	11	2	.846 1
Phoenix	7	4	.636 3
L.A. Clippers	6	6	.500 4
Sacramento	5	7	.417 5
Golden State	12	1	.923 0

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Thursday's games

Friday's games			
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Lakers 122, Hawks 101

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L.A. LAKERS — James 2-21 1-1 33, Davis 5-14 4-5 14, McGee 1-2 0-2, Caldwell-Pope 5-8 1-1 13, Green 4-7 0-11, Dubs 0-0 0-0, Kuzma 6-14 2-17, Hayward 0-0 2-4, Rondo 5-9 3-15, Caruso 5-7 0-11, Cook 1-2 0-0 2, Daniels 1-5 0-0 2, Totals 47-89 13-16 122.

Three-Point Goals—Atlanta 8-28 (Hunter 2-3, Crabbe 2-4, Young 2-3, Jones 1-1, Reddick 1-7, Fernando 0-1, Len 0-1, Parker 0-3), L.A. Lakers 15-35 (James 12, Green 3-6, Kuzma 3-6, Rondo 2-3, Caruso 1-2, Davis 0-2, Caldwell-Pope 0-2, Daniels 0-4), Fouled Out—None.

Rebounds—Atlanta 36 (Parker 8), L.A. Lakers 43 (Howard 9), Assists—Atlanta 16 (Young 7), L.A. Lakers 26 (James 12), Total Fouls—Atlanta 19, L.A. Lakers 19, Technicals—Atlanta coach Hawks (offensive three second), Young, L.A. Lakers coach Lakers (defensive three second), A—18,897 (18,897).

Pelicans 108, Warriors 100

GOLDEN STATE — Paschall 10-17 8-10 30, Green 2-2 2-7, Cauley-Stein 1-1 1-1, Burke 2-13 3-4, Robinson III 6-13 1-14, Spellman 2-4 0-0 2, Chrisis 3-4 1-0, Bowman 11-6 0-19, Poole 0-7 0-10, Totals 37-89 16-20 108.

Golden State — Moore 3-10 2-4 10, Williams 2-8 1-5, Hayes 3-5 4-6 10, Holiday 9-23 4-4 4, Reed 8-15 3-10, Cheatham 0-1 0-0, Meili 5-8 1-16, Gray 0-0 0-0 2, Zoung 1-2 0-0, Williams Jr. 1-8 0-19, Totals 37-89 16-20 108.

Three-Point Goals—Golden State 7-25 (Bowman 3-7, Paschall 2-4, Green 1-8, Robinson III 1-4, Poole 1-1, Burke 0-4), New Orleans 18-46 (Redick 6-11, Meili 5-7, Alexander-Walker 5-13, Morant 2-5, Cheatham 0-1, Williams 0-4, Holiday 0-5), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Golden State 43 (Chrisis 12), Warriors 36 (New Orleans 8 (Hayes, Williams 10), Assists—Golden State 23 (Bumala 10), Warriors 24 (Holiday 9), Total Fouls—Golden State 19, New Orleans 21, Technicals—Green, New Orleans coach Pelicans (defensive three second), New Orleans coach Alvin Gentry, A—16,812 (16,867).

76ers 114, Cavaliers 95

PHILADELPHIA — Harris 12-14 2-2 27, Horford 4-6 2-3 11, Embiid 6-12 1-14, Simmons 5-8 0-10, Richardson 2-2 2-2 8, Ennis III 5-7 1-4, Thibault 3-5 1-2 8, Scott 2-5 0-0 4, O'Quinn 0-0 0-0, Burke 2-4 1-5, Neto 0-1 0-0, Milton 0-1 0-0 0, Korlema 5-6 2-13, Totals 46-84 13-17 114.

CLEVELAND — Osmán 2-7 0-0 5, Love 3-8 2-12, Thompson 5-11 2-2 12, Garanti 4-13 2-21, Sexton 7-17 0-17, McKinnie 1-2 2-7, Cook 1-2 0-0 2, Jodie 3-6 0-8, Clarkson 4-6 7-15, Dellavedova 0-0 0-0, Porter Jr. 1-6 0-2, Knight 2-7 0-4, Totals 34-50 12-24 95.

Three-Point Goals—Philadelphia 9-23 (Ennis III 3-4, Richardson 2-5, Thibault 1-1, Harris 1-2, Horford 1-3, Korlema 1-3, Burke 0-1, Scott 0-2, Embiid 0-2), Cleveland 6-25 (Love 2-5, McKinnie 1-1, Clarkson 1-3, Garanti 1-3, Thompson 1-3, Porter Jr. 0-1, Sexton 0-2, Porter Jr. 0-3, Knight 0-3), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Philadelphia 44 (Horford 6), Cleveland 42 (Thompson 10), Assists—Philadelphia 33 (Simmons 11), Cleveland 14 (Thompson 4, Clarkson 3), Total Fouls—Philadelphia 22, Cleveland 21, A—19,482 (20,562).

Nuggets 131, Grizzlies 114

DENVER — Barton 2-6 1-2 6, Millsap 8-11 2-4 24, Gobert 10-19 0-9, Murray 12-22 3-9, Harris 4-7 0-8, Craig 0-0 0-0, Hernangomez 1-2 0-0 1-15, Vanduser 0-0 0-0, 0, Porter Jr. 1-6 0-2, Porter Jr. 0-0 0-0, Plumlee 4-7 1-2 9, Morris 3-5 1-2 8, Beasley 1-4 0-0 2, Jodie 1-2 0-0 2.

Memphis — Crowder 3-5 0-0 8, Jackson 1-2 0-0 2, Conley 1-2 0-0 2, Bane 1-2 0-0 2, Morant 4-9 4-6 13, Brooks 0-5 4-4, Caboclo 2-3 0-0 5, Anderson 3-7 0-7 11, Hill 2-2 4, Clarke 8-8 1-2 19, Jodie 3-5 2-2 10, Jones 2-7 0-4, Gurdic 1-9 0-2 2, Totals 30-20 24 114.

Denver — Millsap 12 37 11 34 114
Three-Point Goals—Denver 9-32 (Murray 7-12, Hernangomez 4-5, Grant 2-2, Millsap 2-3, Morris 1-1, Barton 1-1, Harris 0-2), Memphis 16-36 (Jackson Jr. 1-2, Conley 1-2, Bane 1-2, Morant 2-3, Caboclo 1-2, Anderson 1-2, Morant 1-2, Jones 0-2, Brooks 0-3, Hill 0-3, Gurdic 0-3, Clarke 0-3, Jodie 0-3, Rebounds—Denver 39 (Plumlee 7), Memphis 45 (Valanciunas 10), Assists—Denver 39 (Jones 7), Total Fouls—Denver 24, Memphis 26 (Smart, Walker 9), Sacramento 22 (Bogdanovic 10), Total Fouls—Boston 14, Sacramento 24, A—16,633 (17,608).

Kings 125, Wizards 121

BOSTON — Brown 7-16 0-0 18, Tatum 6-13 1-14, Thiel 5-6 4-4 14, Walker 5-12 0-0 0-0 5, Smart 1-2 0-0 2, Ojome 4-5 0-0 11, Williams 10-0 1-21, Kanter 2-5 6-8 16, Brown II 1-0 0-0 2, Ferrell 2-6 0-7, Green 0-2 0-0, Totals 34-82 21-24 99.

SACRAMENTO — Barnes 4-2-2 13, Bielsa 5-10 1-2 12, Holmes 3-7 5-6 8, Joseph 1-2 0-2, Hield 14-24 0-0 35, Ariza 0-2 0-0 2, Ferrell 1-2 0-0 2, Edwards 1-4 0-0 12, Totals 38-89 10-12 100.

SACRAMENTO — Brown 7-16 0-0 18, Tatum 6-13 1-14, Thiel 5-6 4-4 14, Walker 5-12 0-0 0-0 5, Smart 1-2 0-0 2, Ojome 4-5 0-0 11, Williams 10-0 1-21, Kanter 2-5 6-8 16, Brown II 1-0 0-0 2, Ferrell 2-6 0-7, Green 0-2 0-0, Totals 34-82 21-24 99.

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AUTO RACING

Harvick, Ford overmatched in NASCAR championship

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Ford v Toyota flopped for the blue oval at the track.

Kevin Harvick was the lone Ford driver in the championship field, outnumbered by three Joe Gibbs Racing drivers and their Toyotas. Harvick led the first 20 laps in the No. 4 Ford for Stewart-Haas Racing but never made a serious push down the stretch against the JGR fleet. He finished fourth, behind champion Kyle Busch in the No. 18 Toyota, and failed to bring home his first championship since 2014.

Toyota had three of the four drivers vying for the title Sunday, the latest and clearest show of strength for the automaker in NASCAR's premier series. Toyota finished with 19 victories in 36 races this season, all of them from JGR and a modern-era



Harvick

NASCAR record. The powerhouse program placed Busch, Denny Hamlin and Martin Truex Jr. in the final four.

Ford had been able to somewhat keep pace with Toyota thanks to Harvick's prowess as well as that of Team Penske stars Brad Keselowski and 2018 series champ Joey Logano.

"We just needed to do something different," Harvick said. "Those guys, they were so much better than us on the long run. Really our best chance was to have a caution there at the end and never got one."

Harvick, who won four races this season, was solid on short runs and off restarts, but crew chief Rodney Childers couldn't get much out of the long runs.

"Just no cautions and nothing happening," Harvick said. "When that happens, you know, you just get spread out."

The 43-year-old Harvick made the championship four for the fifth time in the last six years and finished third in the final standings. Harvick has never finished outside the top-five at Homestead since he joined SHR in 2014. He scored his first win at the track in 2014 to earn his first Cup championship.

Ford and Chevrolet remain in chase mode, trying to find a way to catch up to a Toyota organization that romped its way to 19 wins through the season.

It wasn't a total loss for Ford this weekend. "Ford v Ferrari" raced to an estimated \$31 million debut and a No. 1 finish at the box office. The movie dramatizes the Ford Motor Co.'s push to update perennial power Ferrari at France's 24 Hours of Le Mans race in 1966.

By Dan Gelston, Associated Press

Best: Busch latest champion for Joe Gibbs Racing

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being a bit more subdued about it."

Busch emerged from the Joe Gibbs Racing juggernaut as NASCAR's latest champion, winning his second title Sunday after teammates Denny Hamlin and Martin Truex Jr. were slowed by pit-road gaffes. He snapped a 21-race losing streak and beat Hamlin, Truex and rival Kevin Harvick for the Cup.

Busch joined seven-time champion Jimmie Johnson as the only active drivers with multiple titles. He's the 16th driver in NASCAR history to win multiple championships, and one of only five to win titles in both the Cup Series and the second-tier Xfinity Series.

The No. 18 crew climbed the pit wall and handed Busch the championship flag for his post-race celebration, and he was met on the frontstretch by son Brexton, who immediately asked: "Dad, are you going to throw me in the air again?" about their celebratory tradition. He also asked to join his father for the final ride into Victory Lane.

Busch had raced for a second championship in each of the last three seasons and fell short a year ago in part because of his crew's own pit error. This time, it was Truex and Hamlin bitten by silly mistakes. Truex dominated early but fell a lap back after his crew put tires on the wrong side of his Toyota.

"You've got to be perfect, one mistake probably cost us the championship," Truex said. "I've never had that happen. I don't even know what to say. It doesn't drive good with the left front on the right front, though, I can tell you that. It's very tight."

Hamlin fell out of contention when an aggressive aerodynamic gamble backfired because a large piece of tape placed across the front of his car caused his engine to overheat. Hamlin had to make an unscheduled pit stop to remove the tape.

Truex recovered to finish second, but Hamlin didn't have enough time to overcome the miscue and was a disappointing 10th.

"I feel like I did all I could. I don't feel I could have done a better job. I didn't leave anything out there," Hamlin said. "I was thinking we got a chance and it just didn't work out. We got a little aggressive there and it cost us."

Harvick, the only Ford driver in the championship field, never had anything on long runs for the Gibbs cars and finished fourth.

"On the restarts I could show what I wanted to do and hold them off for 15 or 20 laps," Harvick said. "This race has come down to that every year. You kind of play toward that and they were quite a bit better than us on the long run. We had a really good car for those first 15 to 20 laps on the restarts and had a lot of speed, we just never



AP photos

Above: Kyle Busch drives to Victory Lane after winning Sunday's NASCAR Cup Series season championship race in Homestead, Fla. **Left:** Busch holds up his trophy in Victory Lane.



got to try to race for it there."

The finale pitted a trio of Toyota drivers from Hall of Fame owner Gibbs against Harvick, the hand-picked driver of former Gibbs protégé Tony Stewart at Stewart-Haas Racing. The Gibbs group had the edge based on its tremendous season — Busch's win was the 19th out of 36 races for the organization — and the trio insisted it would continue its note-sharing all weekend.

Las Vegas couldn't choose a title favorite and the four had essentially even odds at the start of the race, even though Busch was probably the least likely contender of the group. Although he won the regular season crown, his last Cup win was at Pocono in June, his playoffs leading into Homestead had been mediocre at best and his mood soured with every missed Victory Lane.

"We had a cold spell there. It's been well

documented," crew chief Adam Stevens said. "Quite a few questions about it. We're in such a unique situation, as a competitive team that runs up front with the goal of winning the championship every year, everything we do is to make that happen, right? To win the regular season points championship, then try to maintain that and get to Homestead, that's what it's all about."

Hamlin, Harvick and Truex had all won playoff races, and Hamlin's win at Phoenix last week gave him all the momentum. But with friend and fan Michael Jordan in attendance, Hamlin failed to win his first championship in his third try. Hamlin is the only driver in the final four without a Cup title.

"Our year was fantastic in every way you can think of, and it just didn't pan out in one race in our favor," said Hamlin, who won the Daytona 500 and five other races a year removed from a winless season.

Busch gave Gibbs his fifth Cup title and booked a season in which the Gibbs cars opened the year 1-2-3 at the Daytona 500. Gibbs this entire year has been mourning the death of his son, JGR co-chairman J.D. Gibbs, and the organization promoted a "Do it for J.D." theme the entire weekend.

The season ended with a 1-2-3 finish in the finale as it was Busch, Truex and Erik Jones across the finish line for Gibbs.

"I know J.D. was looking down on us all year long," Busch said. "I mean, damn, what a season Joe Gibbs Racing put together."

Busch gave Toyota its third drivers' championship in five seasons.

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Raiders defensive end Maxx Crosby, left, is greeted by Maurice Hurst after sacking Bengals quarterback Ryan Finley on Sunday.

Scoreboard

American Conference

	East	West	Pct	PF	PA
New England	1	0	.500	257	108
Buffalo	7	3	.700	210	177
N.Y. Jets	2	7	.286	164	255
Washington	6	4	.600	189	222
South					
Houston	6	4	.600	245	232
Indianapolis	5	5	.500	227	206
Tennessee	5	5	.500	203	197
Jacksonville	6	4	.600	189	222
North					
Baltimore	5	5	.500	201	196
Pittsburgh	5	5	.500	200	202
Cleveland	6	4	.600	192	228
Cincinnati	0	10	.000	107	276
West					
Kansas City	6	4	.600	284	239
Oakland	6	4	.600	225	250
Chargers	7	3	.700	207	194
Denver	3	7	.300	172	197

National Conference

	East	West	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	6	4	.600	286	197
Philadelphia	5	5	.500	234	230
N.Y. Giants	2	8	.200	203	289
Washington	6	4	.600	195	253
South					
New Orleans	8	2	.800	238	199
Carolina	5	5	.500	228	257
Atlanta	4	6	.400	169	174
Tampa Bay	3	7	.300	207	313
North					
Green Bay	8	2	.800	255	205
Minnesota	8	2	.800	277	269
Chicago	4	6	.400	169	174
Detroit	3	6	.333	244	272
West					
San Francisco	8	2	.800	295	155
Seattle	8	2	.800	275	254
L.A. Rams	5	4	.560	243	188
Arizona	3	3	.500	248	317

Thursday's game

Cleveland 21, Pittsburgh 7
Sunday's games
Minnesota 27, Denver 23
Indianapolis 35, Jacksonville 13
N.Y. Jets 34, Washington 17
Baltimore 41, Houston 7
Atlanta 29, Carolina 3
Buffalo 37, Miami 20
New Orleans 34, Tampa Bay 17
San Francisco 36, Arizona 26
New England 17, Philadelphia 10
Oakland 17, Cincinnati 10
L.A. Rams 17, Chicago 7
Monday's game
Kansas City at L.A. Chargers
Thursday, Nov. 21
Indianapolis at Houston
Friday, Nov. 22
Tampa Bay at Atlanta
Miami at Cleveland
N.Y. Giants at Chicago
Seattle at Philadelphia
Carolina at New Orleans
Oakland at N.Y. Jets
Denver at Buffalo
Detroit at Washington
Green Bay at Cincinnati
Jacksonville at Tennessee
Dallas at New England
San Francisco at San Francisco
Monday, Nov. 25
Baltimore at L.A. Rams
Oakland, Green Bay, N.Y. Giants, Seattle

Allen's 3 TD passes help Bills beat Miami

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla.—Josh Allen tied a career high with three touchdown passes and ran for a score to help Buffalo Bills complete a season sweep of Miami.

Allen's TD tosses covered 40 and 9 yards to John Brown, and 23 yards to Dawson Knox. Allen also scored on an 8-yard run, and he had a 36-yard run to set up a field goal.

Miami couldn't keep up against Buffalo's smothering defense. The Bills totaled a season-high seven sacks and allowed only 23 yards rushing.

The victory gave the Bills (7-3) their best 10-game record since 1999.

Allen went 21-for-33 for 256 yards, and his passer rating of 117.7 was a career high. He extended his streak of passes without an interception to 163.

Bills 37, Dolphins 20

	Buf	Mia	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Buf	6	17	7	7	37		
Mia	0	14	0	6	20		
First Quarter							
Buf—FG Hauschka 31, 12:04.							
Second Quarter							
Buf—Brown 40 pass from Allen (Hauschka kick), 13:09.							
Buf—FG Hauschka 21, 7:41.							
Mia—Ballage 3 run (Sanders kick), 3:39.							
Buf—Knox 23 pass from Allen (Hauschka kick), 1:23.							
Mia—Grant 101 kickoff return (Sanders kick), 1:09.							
Third Quarter							
Buf—Allen 8 run (Hauschka kick), 6:55.							
Fourth Quarter							
Mia—Grant 7 run (pass failed), 14:35.							
Buf—Brown 9 pass from Allen (Hauschka kick), 10:38.							

First downs Buf 16, Mia 10. Total Net Yards Buf 424, Mia 303. Rushes-yards Buf 34-168, Mia 28-160. Passing Buf 321-0, Mia 144-5. Kickoff Returns Buf 1-0, Mia 0-0. Interceptions Ret. Buf 21-23, Mia 32-45-0. Comp-Att-Int Sacked-Yards Lost Buf 5-43-6-0, Mia 5-40-0-1. Fumbles-Lost Buf 6-43-7, Mia 5-50-6-44. Punts Buf 30-29-51, Mia 30-29-51.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Buffalo, Finley 15-75, Allen 7-56, Gore 11-27, McKenzie 1-10. Miami, Fitzpatrick 9-57, Gaskin 1-17, Fitzpatrick 0-0.
PASSING—Buffalo, Allen 21-33-0-236. Miami, Fitzpatrick 2-45-0-323.
RECEIVING—Buffalo, Brown 9-137, Brown 38, McKenzie 3-21, Knox 2-33, Gore 1-18, Kraft 1-6, Singletary 1-4. Miami, D.Parker 7-135, Laird 6-51, Ballage 8-58, Hurns 4-58, Gesicki 4-18, Grant 3-35, Wilson 3-26.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Colts overpower Jaguars with strong ground game

INDIANAPOLIS — Jacoby Brissett threw one touchdown pass, ran for another score and used an impressive ground game to get Indianapolis back on track with a victory over Jacksonville.

The Colts ended a two-game losing streak and pulled back into a tie with Houston for the AFC South lead.

The Colts made it look easy with their top ground game. Marlon Mack carried 14 times for 109 yards and a touchdown before leaving in the third quarter with a hand injury. His replacement, Jonathan Williams, had 13 carries for 106 yards, the first 100-yard game of his career.

It was the first time Indy had two 100-yard rushers in the same game since Oct. 6, 1985, and only the third time in franchise history.

Colts 33, Jaguars 13

	Ind	Jac	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Ind	7	3	14	9	33		
Jac	0	7	0	6	13		
First Quarter							
Jac—Clark 34 pass from Foles (Lambo kick), 6:53.							
Ind—Mack 13 pass from (Vinatieri kick), 3:5.							
Second Quarter							
Ind—FG Vinatieri 34, 8:26.							
Third Quarter							
Ind—Johnson 1 pass from Brissett (Vinatieri kick), 8:46.							
Ind—Brissett 5 run (Vinatieri kick), 5:58.							
Fourth Quarter							
Ind—Hines 7 run (Vinatieri kick), 12:42.							
Jac—Clark 20 pass from Foles (Okerke return), 5:59.							
Jac—A-61986.							

First downs Ind 15, Jac 23. Total Net Yards Ind 308, Jac 389. Rushes-yards Ind 29-239, Jac 36-254. Passing Ind 279-125, Jac 210-174. Punt Returns Ind 1-0, Jac 3-9. Kickoff Returns Ind 1-23, Jac 3-54. Interceptions Ret. Ind 1-0, Jac 1-0. Sacked-Yards Lost Ind 2-17-3-23, Jac 6-46-3-43-0. Fumbles-Lost Ind 0-0-2-1, Jac 0-0-2-1. Punts Ind 9-81-3-20, Jac 8-71-3-20. Time of Possession Ind 26:08, Jac 33:52.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Jacksonville, Fournette 8-23, Armstrong 1-6, Indianapolis, Williams 13-116, Mack 14-109, Rogers 1-18, Brissett 2-12, Hines 1-31, Nelson 1-0, Hoyer 2-minus 2.
PASSING—Jacksonville, Foles 33-47-1-296, Indianapolis, Brissett 15-24-1-148.
RECEIVING—Jacksonville, Clark 18-104, Fournette 7-34, Conley 6-58, Cole 4-41, Westbrook 4-32, Armstrong 2-13, Kuehler 1-9, Oliver 1-5, Indianapolis, Johnson 4-36, Elron 4-27, Hines 3-24, Pascal 2-17, Williams 1-31, Rogers 1-11.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Jacksonville, Lambo 45.

Prescott's huge day lifts Cowboys over Lions

DETROIT — Dak Prescott threw for 444 yards and three touchdowns, helping Dallas past Detroit for its third win in four games.

Dallas has had balance with the ball, but Prescott was passing with such ease that it wasn't necessary to try to run the ball much in the Motor City.

The Lions were without Matthew Stafford for a second straight game, and his backup, Jeff Driskel, played well enough to give his team a shot to compete. He threw a 25-yard yard TD pass to Marvin Jones with 5:49 left to pull Detroit within eight points.

The Lions forced Dallas to punt on the ensuing drive, but they punted it back while facing a fourth-and-26 from midfield.

Cowboys 35, Lions 27

	Dallas	Lions	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Dallas	3	21	3	8	35		
Lions	7	7	7	6	27		
First Quarter							
Dal—Scarborough 5 run (Prater kick), 12:33.							
Second Quarter							
Dal—FG Maher 30, 2:18.							
Dal—Pollard 21 pass from Prescott (Maher kick), 14:10.							
Det—Driskel 27 run (Prater kick), 7:46.							
Dal—Elliott 1 run (Maher kick), 4:37.							
Dal—Cobb 19 pass from Prescott (Maher kick), 2:27.							
Third Quarter							
Det—Mojones 11 pass from Driskel (Prater kick), 9:15.							
Dal—FG Maher 38, 5:00.							
Fourth Quarter							
Dal—Elliott 17 pass from Prescott (Pollard run), 7:56.							
Det—Mojones 25 pass from Driskel (pass failed), 5:49.							
A-61801.							

First downs Dallas 26, Lions 19. Total Net Yards Dallas 309, Lions 312. Rushes-yards Dallas 24-75, Lions 28-121. Passing Dallas 249-191, Lions 2-2-2-5. Kickoff Returns Dallas 2-42, Lions 2-47-8. Interceptions Ret. Dallas 0-0, Lions 29-46-0-15-26-0. Comp-Att-Int Sacked-Yards Lost Dallas 1-10-3-18, Lions 3-41-3-64-43. Fumbles-Lost Dallas 1-1-0-0, Lions 6-45-11-89. Time of Possession Dallas 29:06, Lions 30:54.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Dallas, Elliott 16-45, Prescott 6-18, Pollard 2-12, Detroit, Scarborough 14-55, Driskel 15-26-0-209.
PASSING—Dallas, Prescott 29-46-0-414, Detroit, Driskel 15-26-0-209.
RECEIVING—Dallas, Gallup 14-188, Witt 5-53, Cobb 4-115, Pollard 4-64, Cooper 3-38, Jarwin 2-38, Elliott 2-28, Detroit, Amodeo 4-47, Mojones 4-43, McKissic 3-40, Hall 1-39, Golladay 1-34, Hockenson 1-6, Johnson 1-0.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

Colts running back Marlon Mack, left, runs for a touchdown against the Jaguars during the first half on Sunday. Mack rushed for more than 100 yards before leaving with an injury.

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Panthers quarterback Kyle Allen, left, scrambles, trying to get away from Falcons defensive end Vic Beasley during the first half on Sunday. Atlanta sacked Allen five times in the game.

Darnold throws 4 TDs as Jets rout Redskins

LANDOVER, Md. — Sam Darnold more than made up for an ill-timed interception by throwing for 293 yards and a career-high four touchdowns, and the New York Jets routed rookie quarterback Dwayne Haskins and the Redskins for their second consecutive victory.

Darnold tossed touchdowns to Daniel Brown, Robby Anderson, Ryan Griffin and former Redskins receiver Jamison Crowder.

The Jets sacked Haskins six times, including three by safety Jamal Adams.

Washington (1-9) set a franchise record by going 16 consecutive quarters without a touchdown before Derrius Guice scored on a 45-yard screen pass early in the fourth.

Jets 34, Redskins 17					
N.Y. Jets	6	14	0	14-34	
Washington	0	3	0	14-17	

First Quarter
NJY—D.Brown 20 pass from Darnold (kick failed), 11:50.

Second Quarter
NJY—Ro.Anderson 6 pass from Darnold (Ficken kick), 14:01.
Was.—FG Hopkins 44, 9:05.
NJY—Griffin 16 pass from Darnold (Ficken kick), 3:56.

Fourth Quarter
NJY—Crowder 29 pass from Darnold (Ficken kick), 13:11.
NJY—Bell 1 run (Ficken kick), 12:15.
Was.—Guice 45 pass from Haskins (Quinn pass from Haskins), 9:59.
Was.—Sprinkle 1 pass from Haskins (pass failed), 1:11.
A—56,426.

A-56,426.		NJY	Was
First downs		23	13
Total Net Yards		400	225
Rushes-yards	33-115		20-54
Passing		285	171
Punt Returns		3-43	2-9
Kickoff Returns		2-40	6-143
Interceptions Ret.		1-9	1-26
Comp-Att-Int	19-31-1		19-35-1
Sacked-Yards Lost		2-6	6-43
Punts	4-42.0		6-52.8
Fumbles-Lost		2-1	3-0
Penalties-Yards		6-55	11-66
Time of Possession	32:21		27:41

RUSHING—N.Y. Jets, Bell 18-59, Powell 7-42, Montgomery 4-21, Ro.Anderson 4-20, Darnold 2-2 (minus 3). Washington, Peterson 9-25, Guice 7-24, Haskins 4-5.

PASSING—N.Y. Jets, Darnold 19-30-1, 293. Powell 0-0-0. Washington, Haskins 19-30-1.

RECEIVING—N.Y. Jets, Griffin 5-109, Crowder 2-56, Thomas 4-44, Bell 2-33, D.Brown 1-20, Ro.Anderson 1-6, Powell 1-5. Washington, Harmon 5-53, McLaughlin 3-49, Sprinkle 2-11, Quinn 2-9, S.Sims 2-6, Peterson 2-5, Guice 1-45, Smallwood 1-11.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—N.Y. Jets, Ficken 45. Washington, Hopkins 29.

Brees, Thomas lead Saints past Bucs

TAMPA, Fla. — Drew Brees threw for 228 yards and three touchdowns to lead New Orleans to a victory over Tampa Bay.

The NFC South leaders (8-2) rebounded from a 26-9 loss to struggling Atlanta, with NFL reception leader Michael Thomas becoming the first player in league history with 90-plus catches in the first 10 games of a season and Brees tossing TD passes of 16 yards to Thomas, 3 yards to Jared Cook and 6 yards to Ted Ginn Jr. after being held out of the end zone by the Falcons.

Safety Marcus Williams put an exclamation point on a strong defensive performance, returning the third of New Orleans' four interceptions 55 yards for a touchdown.

Saints 34, Buccaneers 17					
New Orleans	13	7	0	7-34	
Tampa Bay	0	7	10	0-17	

First Quarter
NO—FG Lutz 44, 8:56.
NO—FG Lutz 26, 1:50.

Second Quarter
NO—Cook 3 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), 5:13.
TB—Barber 6 pass from Winston (Gay kick), 2:42.

Third Quarter
TB—FG Gay 55, 11:08.
NO—Ginn 6 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), 5:27.
TB—Goddin 30 pass from Winston (Gay kick), 1:22.

Fourth Quarter
NO—M.Williams 55 interception return (Lutz kick), 5:07.
A—54,333.

	NO	TB
First downs	21	21
Total Net Yards	328	334
Rushes-yards	28-109	8-36
Passing	219	298
Punt Returns	3-32	1-7
Kickoff Returns	1-12	1-16
Interceptions Ret.	4-75	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	28-35-0	30-51-4
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-9	2-15
Punts	3-42.0	3-43.0

RUSHING—New Orleans, Kamara 13-75, Murray 10-27, Line 1-5, Thill 1-2, Brees 3-0. Tampa Bay, Winston 2-23, James 4-13, Ogunbowale 2-0.

PASSING—New Orleans, Brees 28-35-0, 228. Tampa Bay, Winston 30-51-4, 313.

RECEIVING—New Orleans, Kamara 10-47, Thomas 8-114, Cook 2-33, Ginn 2-14, J.Hill 2-8, Murray 2-5, Line 1-5, Thill 1-2. Tampa Bay, Brate 10-73, Miller 4-77, Evans 4-69, Godwin 3-47, Ogunbowale 3-10, Barber 4-11, Jones 2-1, Perrittin 1-20, Logan 1-1.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Resurgent Falcons 'D' overwhelms Panthers

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Atlanta intercepted Kyle Allen four times and sacked him five times, Kenjon Barner returned a punt 78 yards for a touchdown and Atlanta beat Carolina for its second straight lopsided win against an NFC South foe.

The Falcons (3-7) had only two interceptions all season — and none since Week 2 against the Eagles — but intercepted Allen three times in the first half to build a 20-0 lead.

Calvin Ridley found huge holes in the Carolina defense, finishing with eight catches for 143 yards for the Falcons, who won despite playing without running back Devonta Freeman and tight end Austin Hooper.

It was the second straight dominant defensive performance for the Falcons, who defeated the Saints 26-9 last Sunday.

Falcons 29, Panthers 3					
Atlanta	10	6	3	2-29	
Carolina	0	0	0	3-3	

First Quarter
Atl.—FG Kyle 38, 11:29.
Atl.—Barner 78 punt return (Koo kick), 5:59.

Second Quarter
Atl.—FG Koo 23, 5:42.
Atl.—Olison 2 run (Koo kick), 1:34.

Third Quarter
Atl.—Ridley 6 pass from Ryan (return failed), 6:40.

Fourth Quarter
Car.—FG Slye 21, 13:00.
Atl.—FG Koo 29, 7:01.
A—73,106.

Total Net Yards	349	347
Rushes-yards	26-54	15-77
Passing	295	270
Punt Returns	2-78	1-6
Kickoff Returns	0-0	3-68
Interceptions Ret.	4-23	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	22-32-0	31-50-4
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-19	5-55
Punts	3-42.3	4-46.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0

RUSHING—Atlanta, Hill 15-30, Barner 2-15, Olison 4-11, Smith 1-3, Ryan 2-0. Schaub 1-2 (minus 1), J.Jones 1-2 (minus 4).

PASSING—Atlanta, Ryan 21-31-0-311, Barner 1-0-0-34. Carolina, Allen 31-50-4-38.

RECEIVING—Atlanta, Ridley 8-143, J.Jones 6-91, Gage 2-32, Graham 2-23, Hardy 2-14, Hill 1-8, Blake 1-3. Carolina, Smith 11-121, Moore 8-85, Olisen 5-77, Samuel 4-25, Bonafon 2-8, Wright 1-15.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Atlanta, Koo 38.

Vikings dig out of 20-0 hole at half to beat Broncos

By DAVE CAMPBELL
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Vikings had barely moved the ball at all, when they gathered in a hunkered locker room after an awful first half.

Picking up the pace with the two-minute offense was about their only hope of a comeback. They delivered one in stunning fashion against the Denver Broncos.

"Suddenly, it just has a different feel to it, and the next thing you know, you're going," quarterback Kirk Cousins said.

The Vikings erased a 20-0 halftime deficit with touchdowns on each of their four drives in the second half, fending off the Broncos by forcing three straight incomplete passes in the end zone over the final 10 seconds to preserve a 27-23 victory Sunday.

This was the first time in five years — a span of 100 games including the playoffs — that an NFL team won after trailing by 20 or more points at halftime, though New England did defeat Atlanta in Super Bowl 51 after an 18-point deficit after two quarters grew to 28-3.

"We can't count ourselves out. We had 30 minutes of football. Was it going to take perfect football? Most likely," tight end Kyle Rudolph said. "But all we can go out there and do is worry about the first drive, and getting points, and see what happens."

Cousins went 29-for-35 for 319 yards and three scores for the Vikings (8-3), overcoming a systematic failure in the first half that included a lost fumble of his during a sack that led to one of three field goals by Brandon McNams for the Broncos (3-7).

Cousins hit Stefan Diggs for a 54-yard touchdown pass that brought the crowd noise to a deafening level and cut the lead to 23-20. McNams went wide right from 41 yards on his fourth attempt, and Cousins found Rudolph wide open for a 32-yard score on the next possession with 6:10 left.

"I like when adversity hits and you see what kind of guys you've got," Diggs said.

Both of those throws by Cousins came off bootleg rollouts to his left, the type of passing play he has long thrived on. After being stymied for just 47 total yards in the first half, the Vikings turned to their hurry-up offense with enviable results.

"Throwing an interception into double coverage is not going to get you back in the game," Cousins said. "So you take what they give you. You play one play at a time, and you trust that if they give you

a shot, you take it."

Brandon Allen, the fill-in quarterback after the injury to Joe Flacco and the impending debut of rookie Drew Lock, drove the Broncos to the cusp of a comeback of their own with a drive that included three fourth-down conversions.

With first-and-goal from the 4, but only 10 seconds left and no timeouts remaining, Allen had three chances at the winner. Trae Wayne knocked down the first one, Jayron Kearse had a hand on the second and the last try for Noah Fant sailed past the rookie tight end after he and Kearse tussled for position.

The Broncos have not scored a touchdown in the fourth quarter for six straight games. The last team guilty of such a severe second-half collapse was Atlanta on Oct. 26, 2014, when a 21-0 lead at home turned into a 22-21 victory for Detroit. According to Sports Illustrated, this was only the 14th time in NFL history that a 20-plus-point halftime lead turned into defeat.

"Didn't sustain any drives," Allen said, "and that put our defense in a bad spot."

The Vikings punted on their first four possessions and already trailed 10-0 when they finally got a first down. With the deficit at 17-0, Cousins hit Diggs for a 34-yard gain that was wiped out by a holding penalty on left tackle Riley Reiff.

Vikings 27, Broncos 23

Denver	10	10	0	0-23	
Minnesota	0	7	7	20-27	

First Quarter
Den.—FG McNams 47, 11:32.
Den.—Furnagall 3 pass from Allen (McNams kick), 4:29.

Second Quarter
Den.—Janovich 1 run (McNams kick), 12:11.
Den.—FG McNams 29, 1:06.

Third Quarter
Min.—Smith 10 pass from Cousins (Bailey kick), 11:29.
Den.—FG McNams 41, 4:23.

Fourth Quarter
Min.—Cousins 1 run (pass failed), 13:25.
Min.—Diggs 54 pass from Cousins (Bailey kick), 10:48.
Min.—Rudolph 32 pass from Cousins (Bailey kick), 6:01.
A—66,853.

Total Net Yards	394	321
Rushes-yards	33-124	18-37
Passing	270	280
Punt Returns	0-0	2-0
Kickoff Returns	1-42	2-42
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	1-21
Comp-Att-Int	18-40-1	29-35-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-8	5-35
Punts	3-35.0	5-47.2
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	4-2
Penalties-Yards	6-35	5-49
Time of Possession	36:43	23:17

RUSHING—Denver, Lindsay 16-67, Freeman 8-31, Allen 1-8, Sutton 2-10, Booker 1-4, Janovich 1-1, Fant 2-2 (minus 1). Minnesota, Allen 1-3, Matisoff 2-5, Cousins 2-1, Ham 1-0.

PASSING—Denver, Sutton 5-113, Patrick 4-77, Fant 4-60, Lindsay 2-6, Freeman 1-1, Allen 1-3, Matisoff 1-3, Minnesota, Cousins 29-319-430, Sutton 1-0-38. Minnesota, Cousins 29-319-430.

RECEIVING—Denver, Sutton 5-113, Patrick 4-77, Fant 4-60, Lindsay 2-6, Freeman 1-1, Allen 1-3, Matisoff 1-3, Minnesota, O.Johnson 6-53, Diggs 5-121, Rudolph 5-67, Cook 5-51, Smith 2-30, Conklin 2-8, Abdullah 2-11, Ham 1-6.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Denver, McNams 43.

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Edelman's TD pass leads Patriots over Eagles

Defense comes up big again for New England

By ROB MAADDI
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Julian Edelman's touchdown toss had Bill Belichick flashing a slight smile and cracking some jokes.

Edelman threw a go-ahead 15-yard TD pass to Phillip Dorsett and the New England Patriots rallied for a 17-10 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday.

Tom Brady threw for 216 yards, leading New England (9-1) back from a 10-0 deficit, but it was Edelman, the Patriots' gritty wide receiver, who found a target in the end zone. It was the first time in Brady's career that another player on his team had more TD passes when he played the entire game.

"Good read on the play," Belichick said. "Keeps his quarterback rating up there pretty high. I'm sure he'll ice his shoulder this week, massage it. Great play by Julian."

Brady wasn't happy with the offense's performance despite a win that guaranteed the Patriots a winning season for the 19th straight season.

"We could do everything better," he said.

Once again, the Patriots defense led the way.

They sacked Carson Wentz five times, forced one turnover and another that was overturned to give the Eagles a touchdown.

"I felt like we gave up three points," Belichick said. "We got an interception. They overturned it."

Wentz couldn't get much going without the two best receivers and top running back sidelined by injuries. Nelson Agholor couldn't make a twisting catch on Wentz's fourth-down heave into the end zone from the Patriots 26 with just under a minute left.

The Eagles (5-5) got the ball



MATT ROUME/AP

New England wide receiver Julian Edelman, right, throws a touchdown pass to Phillip Dorsett during the fourth quarter on Sunday against the Eagles in Philadelphia. The Patriots won 17-10.

back and advanced to their 42 but Wentz's desperation pass fell incomplete.

"That's a really good defense," Wentz said. "They did a good job taking away things we wanted to do. But we have to be better."

This was nothing like the thrilling matchup between the two teams in Super Bowl 52. Nick Foles led the Eagles to a 41-33 victory over the Patriots to capture the franchise's first NFL title since 1960. The teams set or tied 29 Super Bowl records, including

most yards in any game (1,151) in league history.

Neither team could get in sync on offense in the rematch.

After settling for three field goals in the first half, the Patriots turned to a trick play.

Brady drove them to the Eagles 15 on the opening possession of the third quarter. Facing a third-and-11, Brady tossed a backward pass to Edelman. The former Kent State quarterback fired a perfect pass to Dorsett, who was alone in the end zone. It

was Edelman's second career TD pass. The other came in a playoff win over Baltimore in January 2015.

"It's cool they trust me to throw the ball," Edelman said. "It's fun to throw the pill sometimes."

James White ran in for the two-point conversion to increase the Patriots' first lead to 17-10.

The teams traded punts the rest of the second half.

Wentz tossed a 5-yard TD pass to Dallas Goedert early in the second quarter to give the Eagles

Patriots 17, Eagles 10					
New England	0	9	8	0	17
Philadelphia	3	7	0	0	10
First Quarter					
Phi—FG Elliott 42, 13:38.					
Second Quarter					
Phi—Goedert 5 pass from Wentz (El-lott kick), 12:36.					
NE—FG Folk 35, 8:37.					
NE—FG Folk 22, 3:21.					
NE—FG Folk 29, 1:44.					
Third Quarter					
NE—Dorsett 15 pass from Edelman (White run), 10:49.					
A—69,796.					
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS					
RUSHING—New England, Michel 10-33, White 5-20, Burkhead 5-14, Sanu 1-8, Brady 1 (-minus 1). Philadelphia, Sanders 11-36, Scott 7-26, Wentz 3-17.					
PASSING—New England, Brady 26-47-0-216, Edelman 1-1-0-15. Philadelphia, Wentz 20-40-0-214.					
RECEIVING—New England, Edelman 5-53, White 4-16, Watson 3-52, Dorsett 3-33, Harry 3-18, Burkhead 2-34, Michel 2-11, Sanu 1-4, LeCoss 2-3, Meyers 1-7. Philadelphia, Brz 9-84, Agholor 4-40, Goedert 3-36, Sanders 2-9, Arcega-Whiteside 1-9, Matthews 1-5.					
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.					

a 10-0 lead. The play was initially ruled a turnover because Jonathan Jones ripped the ball away. But the call was overturned after a review.

The Patriots didn't cross midfield until Brady connected with Benjamin Watson for 22 yards to the Eagles 31 near the midpoint of the second quarter. But they had to settle for Folik's 35-yard field goal to cut it to 10-3.

Brady hit Watson again over the middle for a 19-yard gain to the Eagles 4 on New England's next possession. But Edelman dropped a TD pass on second down and Folik hit a 22-yarder to get the Patriots to 10-6.

New England's defense then delivered a big turnover. Danny Shelton sacked Wentz, forcing a fumble that was recovered by Lawrence Guy at the Eagles 22. But Philadelphia's defense held again, forcing the Patriots to settle for another field goal. Folik nailed a 39-yarder to make it 10-9.

Rams 17, Bears 7

Chicago 0 0 7 0-7
L.A. Rams 0 10 0 17-10

Second Quarter
La—FG Zuerlein 38, 11:31.

La—Gurley 1 run (Zuerlein kick), 3:28.

Third Quarter
Chi—Cohen 14 pass from Trubisky (Pi-neiro kick), 7:10.

Fourth Quarter
La—Brown 5 run (Zuerlein kick), 3:31.

A—70,758.

Chi 17 13
La 267 283

First downs 27 34
Total Net Yards 267 283

Rushes-yards 22-74 34-110
Passing 193 173

Punt Returns 0-0 2-0
Kickoff Returns 3-85 1-27

Interceptions Ret. 1-0 1-6
Comp-Att-Int 25-47-1 11-18-1

Sacked-Yards Lost 3-6 0-0
Punts 6-49 0-0

Fumbles-Lost 0-0 3-1
Penalties-Yards 2-25 6-34
Time of Possession 27:16 27:16

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Chicago, Cohen 9-39, Mont-gomery 14-31, Trubisky 1-4. Los Angeles, Gurley 25-97, Brown 5-15, Goff 3-3, Reynolds 1-1, Williams 1-1.

PASSING—Chicago, Trubisky 24-43-1-190, Daniel 1-0-0. Los Angeles, Goff 11-18-1-173.

RECEIVING—Chicago, Gabriel 7-57, Miller 6-54, Cohen 5-35, Robinson 4-15, Montgomery 1-19, Wims 1-11, Bruneau 1-0. Los Angeles, Reynolds 3-55, Kupp 3-53, Gurley 3-36, Everett 1-20, Thomas 1-0.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Chicago, Pineiro 48, Pineiro 47.

By JOE REEDY
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Todd Gurley was told by Rams coach Sean McVay before Sunday night's game against the Chicago Bears that he was going to be a focal point of Los Angeles' offense.

Gurley rose to the occasion and delivered his best game of the season. The All-Pro running back had a season-high 133 scrimmage yards and scored a touchdown to lead the Rams to a 17-7 victory to help them keep pace in the NFC playoff race.

"We had a bunch of guys down and I was able to step up," Gurley said. "It felt like the old Todd. I was glad I was able to go out there and take advantage of what I got."

On a night when the Rams were missing two of their starting receivers and had a reworked offensive line, McVay reinvented things in Los Angeles (6-4) ran it on 65.4% of its plays (34 of 52). That is the highest run percentage in McVay's three seasons as coach and only the

fourth time they have gone to ground more than 60% of the time.

Gurley led the way with a season-high 25 carries. His 97 rushing yards also tied for his most this year.

"What I loved the most about what Todd did was after we put the first carry on the ground he didn't flinch," McVay said. "He came back, had some good, tough, physical runs, made some good catches out of the backfield and he was a big-time contributor tonight."

Jared Goff was 11-for-18 for 173 yards and an interception with many of his completions coming off play action.

The Bears (4-6) ran 22 more plays than the Rams but averaged only 3.6 yards. Mitchell Trubisky was 24-for-43 for 190 yards with a touchdown and interception. Trubisky injured his right hip on the last drive of the first half but didn't come out until late in the fourth quarter, when Chase Daniel came in.

"I was just all arm in the second half pretty much," Trubisky said. "Just trying to fight through the pain, trying to make the throws."



KYUSUNG GONG/AP

Rams running back Todd Gurley runs past Chicago Bears linebacker Nick Kwiatkowski on Sunday in Los Angeles.

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KARL MERTON FERRON, BALTIMORE SUN/TNS

Ravens linebacker Matthew Judon (99) forces Houston Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson to fumble Sunday in Baltimore. The Ravens also intercepted a Watson pass and held him to 12 yards rushing.

Ravens wrangle Watson as Jackson dominates Texans

By DAVID GINSBURG

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Deshaun Watson couldn't run, couldn't hide and couldn't escape from the Baltimore Ravens' defense.

Making matters worse for the Houston Texans, they couldn't handle the elusive and talented Lamar Jackson.

Jackson threw four touchdown passes and ran for 86 yards to help Baltimore extend its winning streak to six games with a 41-7 rout of the Texans on Sunday.

The game was billed as a matchup between first-place AFC teams and two of the best double-threat quarterbacks in the NFL. Jackson and the Baltimore defense made it a one-sided affair, and now the Ravens (8-2) are riding their longest winning streak since a seven-game win in 2000, their first Super Bowl season.

"Anytime you are 8-2 you have a special group of guys," said running back Mark Ingram, who caught two TD passes. "We have a goal of being champions."

After throwing three touchdown passes to put Baltimore up 21-0 in the third quarter, Jackson followed with his most impressive play of the day: a 39-yard run in which he broke six tackles, weaving through the Houston secondary as if playing keep-away with the football.

Jackson didn't get into the end zone, but the jaunt had a striking resemblance to his dazzling 47-yard touchdown run against the Bengals one week earlier.

"That was remarkable. It was incredible," coach John Harbaugh said of Jackson's downfield

Ravens 41, Texans 7

Houston	0	0	0	7	7
Baltimore	0	14	13	14	41

Second Quarter

Bal.—Roberts 15 pass from L.Jackson (Tucker kick), 9:17.	
Bal.—Andrews 18 pass from L.Jackson (Tucker kick), 2:14.	

Third Quarter

Bal.—Ingram 25 pass from L.Jackson (Tucker kick), 11:33.	
Bal.—FG Tucker 34, 6:52.	
Bal.—FG Tucker 46, 1:30.	

Fourth Quarter

Bal.—Ingram 12 pass from L.Jackson (Tucker kick), 9:50.	
Hou.—Hyde 41 run (Fairbairn kick), 7:10.	
Bal.—Edwards 63 run (Tucker kick), 4:01.	

Individual Statistics

RUSHING—Houston, Hyde 9-65, D.Johnson 6-40, Watson 3-12, Howell 2-15.	
Baltimore, Edwards 6-112, Jackson 8-86, Ingram 13-48, Hill 5-18, Griffin 1 (-minus 2), Griffin 2 (-minus 2).	

PASSING—Houston, Watson 18-29-1, McCarron 0-1-0.	
Baltimore, Jackson 17-24-0-22, Koch 1-1-0 (-minus 2), Griffin 2-2-0-15.	

RECEIVING—Houston, Hopkins 7-80, Stills 4-27, Coutee 3-25, D.Johnson 2-4, Fells 1-18, Akins 1-15.	
Baltimore, Andrews 4-75, Ingram 3-37, Ricard 3-27, M.Brown 2-23, Boyle 2-20, H.Hurst 2-16, Snead 2-13, Roberts 1-15, Hill 1-6.	

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Houston, Fairbairn 43.	
Baltimore, Tucker 43.	

foray against Houston. "I haven't seen anything quite like it—since last week."

"He keeps one-upping himself," Ingram said.

Watson, on the other hand, spent the entire afternoon running from a defense that utilized a variety of blitzes and coverages. Baltimore rang up seven sacks, six against Watson — forced two turnovers and limited the

nimble-footed quarterback to 12 yards rushing on three carries.

"To control Deshaun Watson the way they did was a team effort," Harbaugh said. "Great job of good, disciplined rush lanes."

Watson went 18-for-29 for 169 yards with a lost fumble and an interception. Houston (6-4) fell behind 34-0 before Carlos Hyde ran for a 41-yard touchdown with 7:10 remaining.

Jackson remained on the sideline after that. With Robert Griffin III taking the snaps, Gus Edwards scored on a 63-yard run with 4:10 left.

After that, Watson was removed from the game, too.

"It didn't go our way. They executed, we didn't execute. That's it," Watson said.

So what's next?

"Flush it and move forward," Watson said.

Jackson completed 17 of 24 passes for 222 yards. After starting 1-for-6, he completed 13 in a row to turn the game into a rout.

Jackson is the first Ravens player to have two games in a season with at least four touchdown passes. He had five in the opener against Miami.

Jackson has 19 TD passes, five interceptions and a whopping 788 yards rushing this season.

Texans wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins, at 27 years, 164 days old, became the second-youngest player in NFL history to reach 600 career receptions with his fourth catch of the game. Only Larry Fitzgerald was quicker to 600 (27 years, 110 days).

Hopkins finished the day with seven catches for 80 yards.

49ers rally past Cards on 4 TDs by Jimmy G

By JOSH DUBOW

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Jimmy Garoppolo felt the rush coming, lofted a pass to Jeff Wilson Jr. and then let the crowd tell him everything else.

After a sometimes trying day that featured a big deficit, two interceptions deep in Arizona territory and big plays from Kyle Murray, Garoppolo came through when it mattered most for the San Francisco 49ers.

Garoppolo threw a 25-yard touchdown pass to Wilson with 31 seconds left, his fourth TD pass of the game, and the 49ers rallied from 16 points down for a 36-26 victory over the Arizona Cardinals on Sunday.

"I felt the pressure up the middle and I kind of put it out there and wanted him to just make a play on it," Garoppolo said. "I just heard the crowd. I didn't even see him catch it."

The key play for the go-ahead score came one play after the Niners (9-1) narrowly converted on a third-and-3 pass that went to replay review. Instead of being ruled short and facing a fourth-down decision in a three-point game, San Francisco had one set of downs.

Wilson entered for his first offensive play of the game and beat edge rusher Chandler Jones, who peeled off on a blitz, for his first career touchdown catch.

"I knew he was one of the better guys on their defense, but I also knew he was a defensive end," Wilson said. "I knew his hips weren't that good. He can't move side to side, especially when his whole body is turned. It's just a simple one step, cut across his face and get the ball. Whatever happens after happens."

David Johnson fumbled on the next play for the Cardinals (3-7-1), who squandered a 16-0 lead and lost their fourth consecutive game. San Francisco added a fumble recovery for a touchdown on D.J. Reed on the final play after

49ers 36, Cardinals 26

Arizona	9	7	3	7-26
San Francisco	0	10	7	19-36

First Quarter	
Ari.—FG Gonzalez 26, 10:31.	
Ari.—Fitzgerald 5 pass from K.Murray (kick failed), 4:04.	

Second Quarter	
Ari.—Cooper 12 pass from K.Murray (Gonzalez kick), 9:03.	
SF.—Dewley 4 pass from Garoppolo (McLaughlin kick), 7:52.	
SF.—FG McLaughlin 43, 0:00.	

Third Quarter	
SF.—Dewley 5 pass from Garoppolo (McLaughlin kick), 11:07.	
Ari.—FG Gonzalez 43, 2:54.	

Fourth Quarter	
SF.—Bourne 2 pass from Garoppolo (pass failed), 12:14.	
Ari.—K.Murray 22 run (Gonzalez kick), 6:30.	
SF.—Wilson 25 pass from Garoppolo (McLaughlin kick), 3:31.	
SF.—Reed 4 fumble return, :00.	
A.—69:49.	

First downs	Ari	SF
	21	26
Total Net Yards	265	442
Rushes-Yards	25-135	19-34
Passing	131	408
Punt Returns	0-0	2-3
Kickoff Returns	2-41	3-70
Interceptions Ret.	2-65	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	24-33-0	34-45-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-19	3-10
Punts	4-50.5	2-50.5
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	10-104	10-127
Time of Possession	31:23	28:37

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS	
RUSHING—Arizona, K.Murray 8-67, Drake 1-67, Kirk 1-1.	
San Francisco, Coleman 12-14, Mostert 1-13, Garoppolo 1-10.	

PASSING—Arizona, K.Murray 24-33-0-42.	
San Francisco, Garoppolo 24-33-0-42.	

RECEIVING—Arizona, Kirk 6-41, Drake 6-13, Fitzgerald 5-37, Cooper 3-35, Johnson 2-14, Sabella 1-6, Daniel 1-1.	
San Francisco, Samuel 8-134, Juszczyk 7-63, Bourne 4-31, Dewley 4-14, Coleman 4-63, Sanders 3-33, Mostert 2-14, James 1-57, Wilson 1-25, Goodwin 1-5.	

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

a botched lateral by Arizona.

This marked the biggest deficit erased by the 49ers in a victory since rallying from 20 down to beat Philadelphia on Oct. 2, 2011. San Francisco also overcame a 17-point deficit in the NFC title game at Atlanta following the 2012 season.

Garoppolo threw two interceptions deep in Arizona territory that nearly doomed the 49ers. The first set up a field goal that put Arizona up 19-17 and the second came with San Francisco trailing by three late in the fourth quarter.

The defense responded by forcing a three-and-out on a sack by Arik Armstead. Garoppolo then went 6 of 7 on the winning drive.



JOHN HERTZ/AP

San Francisco 49ers running back Jeff Wilson Jr. celebrates after scoring late in the fourth quarter against the Arizona Cardinals on Sunday in Santa Clara, Calif. The 49ers rallied to a 36-26 victory.

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Ravens' sensational QB tosses 4 TDs
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Busch's best

NASCAR's most polarizing driver wins 2nd Cup title

By JENNA FRYER
Associated Press

HOMESTEAD, Fla.

Kyle Busch casually collected the championship flag from his team and did a slow, subdued celebratory lap. The most polarizing driver in NASCAR had just won his second Cup title and wanted to soak in the moment with his true fans.

He didn't do his customary bow to the crowd, asked NASCAR for permission to take his 4-year-old son along for the ride to Victory Lane, and when the duo finally got there

it was then that Busch remembered he'd just won both Sunday's season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway and his second NASCAR title.

"I do remember taking the white flag and crossing underneath that — I had some tears rolling down my eyes for the last lap and I was just like, 'Come on, man, we've still got to finish this damn thing. Don't be such a siss,'" Busch said. "Emotions were starting to set in. I probably didn't know where the hell my mind was at. I knew we had won and won big and were

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Kyle Busch, right, lifts the NASCAR Cup series championship trophy on Sunday in Victory Lane as team owner Joe Gibbs looks on after winning NASCAR's season championship at Homestead-Miami Speedway in Homestead, Fla.

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